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Thursday, January 1, 2004

Happy New Year!
2004

Dana Kyle

AUBURN — Dana D. Kyle, 49, died Dec. 30, 2003.

Mr. Kyle worked as the logistics manager for Group Dekko Inc. in Kendallville. He was a member of the Northern Indiana Businessmen's Association and the Auburn Alliance Church.

Mr. Kyle

He was born Oct. 5, 1954, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Leonard and B. Juanita (Graham) Kyle. They survive in Cambridge, Ohio.

He married Lynn M. Williams on May 24, 1980, in Bourbon, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother-in-law and father-in-law, June and Delbert Williams of Rock Hill, S.C.; one sister and brother-in-law, Melody and Clark Law of Cambridge, Ohio; and five nephews, Kyle Law, Caleb Cline, Matthew Cline, Drew Williams and Braden Williams.

Services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in Auburn Alliance Church. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Guernsey County Memorial Garden at Cambridge, Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628211, Orlando, FL 32862-8211.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bryan Young

AUBURN — Bryan Kolt Young, 20, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Rushville, he worked for Courier Kendallville for two years. He recently was sworn into the Air National Guard.

Surviving are his parents, Brian E. and Beverly H. Young of Hamilton; a son, Zachary Bryan of Auburn; his fiancée, Laura D. Barrand of Auburn; two brothers, Jeremey S. and Nathaniel E., both of Hamilton; his grandparents, Tom and Shirley Walters of Fort Wayne and M.C. and Ina Dye of Rushville; and his future fathers-in-law and mother-in-law, Ruben and Debbie Schwartz of Auburn and Ed Davis of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930 E., New Haven.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30-9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the family.

Ursula Leeson

GARRETT — Ursula M. Leeson, 88, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at 9 p.m. at University Park Nursing Care in Fort Wayne, where she had resided for two years.

Mrs. Leeson worked for Messenger Corp. in Auburn from 1936-1941. She then worked for Morrill Motors and in the J.E. Ober Elementary School cafeteria in the 1950s. She also worked at the Auburn License Bureau, and at Garrett City Hall under Mayor Marcella Zerns from 1984-1987.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society, Legion of Mary and Harvest House.

Born May 6, 1915, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Henry and Susan (Walsh) Vanderbosch.

On Nov. 24, 1938 in Garrett, she married Sam Leeson. He died Oct. 23, 1977.

Surviving are a son, James Leeson; and a daughter, Janice Leeson, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Leeson and Robert Leeson; six sisters, Bertha Brooks, Margarite Hruban, Hilaria Mezydio, Estella Johnson, Betty Huddleston and Louise Pfefferkorn; and two brothers, Louis Vanderbosch and Hubert Vanderbosch

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Additional calling is Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Martin's House of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Friday, January 2, 2004

Shirley Hoeppner

WOODBURN — Shirley D. Hoeppner, 63, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at her home.

A LaOtto native, she was known for her Art by Shirley Hoeppner. She was a volunteer at the Woodburn Lutheran School and was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth R. Hoeppner Sr.; three sons, Kenneth R. Hoeppner Jr. of Woodburn, Kevin D. Hoeppner of Auburn, and Kerry S. Hoeppner of Woodburn; a sister, Brenda Baker of Payson, Ariz.; a brother, Rex Farver of Woodburn; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, 4402 Park St., Woodburn, with burial in the church cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740, Indiana Highway 930E, New Haven, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Christ Lutheran Church or the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Jean Switzer

TOPEKA, Kan. — Jean Ellen Switzer, 83, of Topeka, Kan., died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at her son's home in the company of her family.

She was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Garrett, the daughter of Shirley Otho and Edna (VanFleit) Redman.

She graduated from Garrett High School and earned a teaching degree at Indiana University.

She married Dr. Robert E. Switzer in 1942 at Bethesda, Md. He survives.

During her marriage, she was a Navy wife, living on Guam and in various naval facilities in the United States. She and her husband moved to Topeka, Kan. in 1956.

Mrs. Switzer was a homemaker, teacher, interior designer, artist and was a floral designer at Stanley's Flowers and manager of the greenhouse, where she was known as "The Greenhouse Lady."

She organized and chartered the Topeka Chapter of National Institution of Miniature Enthusiasts. Mrs. Switzer was a friend of the Library at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, where she served as a volunteer in the Booktique. She was an avid jazz fan and a charter and continuing member of the Topeka Jazz Workshop. She was a board member of the Mulvane Arts Center and a strong supporter of the Topeka Civic Theater and Topeka Zoo. Her passions were books, especially mysteries, dollhouses and miniatures, fashion designs, pattern making, beaded flowers, collecting art and antiques and traveling. She was considered to be "world's best mother" by her children.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert E. "Skip" and Laureen Switzer of Los Angeles and T. Cotter and Jean Switzer of Topeka, Kan.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally Susan and Dave Kuno of Topeka, Kan.; a sister, Mary Jo Putt of Angola; a stepsister, Eileen Angers of Des Moines, Wash.; a grandson, Michael James Morstorf of Topeka; and two great-grandsons, Franklin and Ryan Travis Morstorf.

A celebration of life for Mrs. Switzer will be held Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the T. Cotter Switzer residence in Topeka, Kan.

Memorials are to the Library Foundation, 1515 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604, Topeka Jazz Workshop, c/o Jim Monroe, 2221 S.W. DeSousa Court, Topeka, KS 66611 or Topeka Civic Theater Academy, 3023 S.W. 8th Ave., Topeka, KS 66606.

Nancy Zion

FORT WAYNE — Nancy J. Zion, 72, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the proprietor of Zion Nursery, retiring in 1992. She was involved with the North Side High School Class of 1949 Reunion Committee.

Surviving are two daughters, Tina M. Zion of Auburn and Pamala K. Ramsey of Fort Wayne; one son, Mark K. Zion of auburn; a brother, the Rev. Robert Whitenack of Evansville; eight grandchildren, Della, Andrew, Rebecca, Jessica, Jennifer, Amanda, Crystal and Andrew; and 10 great-grandchildren, Brianna, Lacey, Melissa, Kylara, Willow, Dustyn, Colton, Samantha, Tori and Cameron.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Saturday, January 3, 2004

David Graber

BERNE — David V. Graber, 93, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at 3:15 p.m. in Swiss Village.

Mr. Graber was a former employee of V.C. Graber Produce and Home Dairy. He retired from South Adams Schools, where he worked in the maintenance department for many years. He later worked part-time at Liechty Management.

He was a member of the First Mennonite Church, a former member and president of the Mennonite Choral Society and church choir; a Sunday school teacher for 33 years and a member of Mennonite Men's Chorus.

He was born March 29, 1910, in Adams County to Victor and Elizabeth (Schwartz) Graber.

He married Ida Neuenschwander on March 24, 1940, in Adams County. She died in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Richard McKean of Auburn and Lynette and John Augsburger of Fort Wayne; one son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Carol Graber of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Victor C., Menace, Levi and Peter, and a sister, Barbara Habegger.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Mennonite Church. The Rev. Ray Keim and Marie Nussbaum will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Yager Kirchhofer Funeral Home, 365 W. Main St., Berne, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to First Mennonite Church Missions or the Swiss Village Endowment Fund.

Harlan G. Stull

LAGRANGE — Harlan G. Stull, 78, of LaGrange, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in LaPaz on Jan. 6, 1925, to Glenn and Opal (Whiteman) Stull. He married Elizabeth Ries on Oct. 6, 1977, in Coldwater, Mich.

He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the federal crop insurance department, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge 353 of Lakeville, and has lived in LaGrange since 1990.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Devon and Susie Stull of Plymouth; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Carl Migure of Argos; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Reis of Chandler, Ariz., and Fred W. Reis of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Patty Reis of Angola, Carol and David Brown of Quincy, Mich., and Suzanne and David Gregory of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis and Junior Guthrie of Plymouth, and Willodean Gilpker of St. Joseph, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Betty Stull of Walkerton; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

His parents and a daughter, Joyce, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Revs. Kenneth Ludwig and John Glantt officiating. Burial will be at the Barber Cemetery.

A Masonic Lodge service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Masonic Lodge 353, P.O. Box 247, Lakeville IN 46536.

Friends may sign the guestbook at: www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Ezra Borkholder

SHIPSHEWANA — Ezra A. Borkholder, 53, of Shipshewana, died of an unexpected illness at 7:06 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had stayed one week.

He was born Feb. 2, 1950, in Bremen to Andrew S. and Mary (Hershberger) Borkholder. he married Elsie E. Mast in Topeka on Nov. 6, 1969. She survives.

He was a farmer and worked in the mill room at Jayco in Middlebury. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are five daughters and a son-in-law, Edna and Mervin Miller of Middlebury, and Pollyanna, Sarah and Elizabeth Borkholder, all at home; eight sons and four daughters-in-law, Andrew and Inez Borkholder, David and Kathryn L. Borkholder, Reuben and Ruby Mae Borkholder and Samuel and Susan Kay Borkholder, all of Shipshewana, and Kenneth, Elson, Stephen and Edward Borkholder, all at home; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Polly and Harvey Bontrager of Bethany, Mo., and Anna and Mose Wengard of LaGrange; five stepsisters and four stepbrothers-in-law, Esther and Joe Eicher, Miriam and Alvin Yoder and Martha and Ernest Slabach, all of Shipshewana, and Anna Schwartz and Susie and Jerry Miller, all of Middlebury; two stepbrothers and two stepsisters, John and Susie Gingerich of Middlebury, and Samuel and Ruth Gingerich of Fairview, Mich.; a stepfather, Eli E. Gingerich of Middlebury; and 15 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a stepsister, Ida Petersheim, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Perry Whetsone residence, 10325 W. C.R. 250N, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will begin after noon today and continue all day Monday at the Ben Allen Gingerich residence, 3010 N. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Connie Steininger

NASHVILLE, Ind. — Connie M. Steininger, 63, of Nashville, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in Brown County, Ind.

She was born in Auburn on March 27, 1940, to Dwight F. and May (Meinert) Steininger.

She was a co-owner of HIS Book Shop in Nashville for 25 years, and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Brown County.

Surviving are a sister, Donna Sisson of Nashville; a brother, Bill Steininger of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three nieces, Janet Slevins, Barb Carter and Karen Feldheim; four nephews, Gary, Roger and Don Sisson, and Brad Steininger; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, with the Rev. Allen Straub officiating, assisted by the Revs. Gary Williamson and Gary Sisson. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Nashville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, Nashville.

Memorials are to Fellowship Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, 1682 S.R. 135N, Nashville, IN 47448.

Vernon Bryant

RANTOUL, ILL. — Vernon E. Bryant, 73, of Rantoul, Ill., died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Carle Hospital, Champaign, Ill.

He was born in Albion on Sept. 27, 1930, to Sidney and Mary (Mohler) Bryant. On Jan. 19, 1957, in Kendallville, he married Mary E. Lash. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, and farmed in the Dewey and Fisher areas for 30 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Anthony "Tony" Bryant of Rantoul, Ill.; two daughters, Tina Kinder and Teresa Russell, both of Rantoul; three sisters, Blanche Lemper, Vera Schmuck and Barbara Uhl, all of Indiana; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Steve Bonk officiating. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at Lux Memorial Chapel, Champaign, Ill.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Schuyler Dilts

PLEASANT LAKE — Schuyler L. Dilts, 74, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 3, 1929, in LaGrange County to Clarence and Thelma (Coney) Dilts. He married Eleanor Larson on Dec. 18, 1948. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

He was a retired farmer, and attended Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Carolyn Dilts and Harold and Marie Dilts, all of Pleasant Lake, and Bruce and Jane Dilts of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Mary Jane Dilts of Howe; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Ben Randall of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Robert Dilts, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Mary Parkison

WOLF LAKE — Mary E. Parkison, 82, of Wolf Lake, died at 9:43 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted earlier in the day.

She was orn on May 10, 1921, in Wolf Lake, to Robert E. and Ruth G. (Gandy) Wysong. On Aug. 24, 1946, she married George A. Parkison. He survives.

She was a lifetime Wolf Lake area resident.

Mrs. Parkison had been employed by General Electric, WPTA-TV, several grocery stores. She retired from Lyle Electric in 1987.

She was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Noble County Home Extension Club and V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary in Wolf Lake.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzanne Hopper of Fort Wayne, and Joni and Kent Saggars of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Stephen and Tamara Parkison of Crown Point, and James and Nanette Parkinson of Ligonier; a brother, Paul E. Wysong of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, a brother, Allen "Bud" Wysong, a sister, Anne Parsons, and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. A twilight service conducted by the V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary will be at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary.

JoAnne Stevens

ANGOLA — JoAnne Marie Stevens, 65, of Angola, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On March 18, 1938, in Duluth, Minn., she was born to Adolph Richard and Bernice (Cullen) Woollweever.

She had lived in Angola and Steuben County for three years, having moved from South Carolina.

She was a waitress.

Surviving are: a son, Michael Anderson, Duluth, Minn.; three daughters, Sheri Ayers, Pueblo, Colo., Wendy Boardwell, Duluth, Minn., and Rebecca Perenick, Dover, N.H.; two brothers, Robert Woollweever, Angola, and Ray Woollweever, North Dakota; a sister, Janet McGrane, Duluth, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, two brothers, Richard and Gerald G. Woollweever preceded her in death.

No services or calling will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Copsey

ANTWERP, Ohio — Wanda Lee Copsey, 70, on Antwerp, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Antwerp.

She was born Sept. 11, 1933, in Estep County, Ky., to Raymond and Juanita (Arey) Presley. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

She was employed at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp, and worked as a waitress at Baby Boomers in Hamilton.

She was a social member of Antwerp V.F.W. 5087 Auxiliary.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are three sons, Dan Bradley of Fishers, Ind., Randy Grogg of Auburn and Joe Copsey of Antwerp; two daughters, Deb Woodard and Lorie Lucas, both of Antwerp; four brothers, Jake, Charles and Gary Presley, all of Hamilton, and Glen Presley of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Emma Jean Moestas of Albuquerque, N.M., and Nita and Don Sorenger of Amherst, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her father, and a sister, Olive Kay Presley, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Antwerp V.F.W. Auxiliary or Paulding Hospice.

Duane Bowman

ASHLEY — Duane "Junior" Bowman, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at 4:20 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowman was a factory worker for International Harvester, retiring in 1983 after 30 years of service.

He was born Oct. 19, 1931, in DeKalb County to Duane E. Bowman Sr. and Florede (Pence) Bowman. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

His wife, Hazel (Nelson) Bowman, died May 16, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Bowman III and Mary Bowman of Mongo; a daughter and son-in-law, Star and Jeff Noble of rural Hudson; three brothers, Donald Bowman, Jerry Bowman and Ronald Clark, all of Auburn; two sisters, Shirley Baird of Auburn and Barb Buttermore of Waterloo; five grandchildren, Shanan Staton (and his wife, Jamie), Brandon Bowman and Justin, Jacob and Jordan Stackhouse; and one great-grandchild, Caterina Staton.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Asher

LAFAYETTE — Mildred L. Hahn Asher, 78, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Health Care.

Mrs. Asher was a homemaker and had worked as an inspector for CTS, retiring in December 1985. She previously lived in West Lafayette and Otterbein. She was a graduate of Oxford High School and a member of the United Methodist Church in Otterbein.

She was born June 17, 1925, in Boswell to Edward and Crystal (Crumbaugh) Cummings. They preceded her in death.

She married Harold A. Hahn on Feb. 2, 1946, in Chase. He died Sept. 3, 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Eugene E. and Sharon Hahn of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Janice E. and Robert Banes of Lafayette; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Dale and Jacque Cummings of Lafayette, George Cummings of Lafayette and Larry Cummings of California; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Robert Wolfe of Vermont; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry, and two brothers, Robert and Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Hahn Funeral Home at Oxford. The Rev. David Smitley will officiate. Interment will be in Boswell Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrected information.*

Wanda Copsey

ANTWERP, Ohio — Wanda Lee Copsey, 70, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Antwerp.

She was employed at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp and worked as a waitress at Baby Boomers in Hamilton. She was a social member of Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars 5087 Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 11, 1933, in Lawrence County, Ky., to Raymond and Juanita (Arey) Presley. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Dan Bradley of Fishers, Randy Grogg of Auburn and Joe Copsey of Antwerp; two daughters, Deb Woodard and Lorie Lucas, both of Antwerp; four brothers, Jake, Charles and Gary Presley, all of Hamilton, and Glen Presley of Angola; four sisters, Babe Sanxter of Hamilton, Emma Jean Maestes of Albuquerque, N.M., Nita Sprenger and Donia Sprenger, both of Amherst, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her father, and a sister, Olive Kay Presley, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Antwerp VFW Auxiliary or Paulding Hospice.

Jesse Klinger

ST. JOE — Jesse H. Klinger, 83, died Monday morning at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Noble County to the late William H. and Blanche (Christlieb) Klinger.

He married Edyth Marie Wahls on June 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne. She died March 3, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel and Howard; three brothers Delphus and Norman Klinger, and Theo Claus; two sisters, Joanne Slater and Barbara Stoner; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Klinger.

He was a truck driver Courier-Newsome for several year and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Jesus' Name Church in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Barbara Hamblin

AUBURN — Barbara A. Hamblin, 60, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at her home.

A native of Fort Wayne, she worked for Power Wheels and was employed with Community Home Health.

Surviving are her husband, Charlie; sons Brian of Kendallville and Michael of Fort Wayne; daughters Shelley Ohneck, Barbara Pettit, Brenda Ann Weiller, Vicki Harrison and Jennifer Hamblin, all of Fort Wayne, Kelley Young of Columbia City and Miranda Larrance of Auburn; one brother, Joseph Niswonger of Fort Wayne; sisters Virginia Raher and Karren Pennycoff of Fort Wayne and Beverly Linn of St. Louis; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Keith Leggett

AUBURN — Keith E. Leggett, 78, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2003, at 12:03 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett.

Mr. Leggett taught seventh-graders at McKenney-Harrison School in Auburn for 18 years and was a seventh-grade basketball coach for many years. He then became principal of East Auburn Elementary School for 18 years, retiring in 1987.

A graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree, he later earned a master's degree from Ball State University.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, Auburn Rotary Club and the Retired Teachers Association.

He was born May 2, 1925, in Portland, Ind., to Bert and Nellie (Evans) Leggett.

On Aug. 25, 1947, in Portland, he married Phyllis Williams. She died July 27, 2003.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Rose Leggett of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Cathie and Duane Williams of Auburn; two brothers, Bob Leggett and Don Leggett, both of Portland, Ind.; five grandchildren, Chris Williams, Chad Leggett, Jon Williams, Bryan Leggett and Ashley Williams; and one great-grandchild, Austin Leggett.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Jo Leggett, and three brothers, Harry, Cledith and Damon.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. John Scott will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Patricia Hughes

AUBURN — Patricia Sue "Pat" Hughes, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at her home.

Born in Warsaw, she worked for Cooper in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1995. After retiring, she traveled with her husband, visiting many countries including France and Germany.

Mrs. Hughes

She was a graduate of Pierceton High School and attended Texas Bible College. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, where she and her husband were very active. It was her life's passion to help those in need.

Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Edward R. Hughes of Auburn; three sons, David R. Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Floyd A. Hughes and John P. Hughes, both of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Martha Thomas of Milford, Diana Albert of Pierceton and Janet Witman of Fishers; and a brother, Charles Leckrone of Howe.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Keith Leckrone Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the former Nazarene Church of Auburn at 316 W. Fourth St. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the missions of the United Pentecostal Church of Auburn.

Patricia Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Patricia Ann Farrington, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 9:35 a.m. at Eden Village Care Center due to complications of diabetes.

Mrs. Farrington was a past Girl Scout leader, a past member of the Country Charm Home Demonstration Club and a past 10-year member of the Sweet Adelines of Collinsville, Ill. She and her husband attended Maple Grove Church before moving to Illinois.

She was born Dec. 26, 1929, in Waterloo to Frankie J. Wise and Martin "Joe" Miser, both now deceased.

She married Thomas Edison Farrington on Jan. 21, 1949. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Harry Rottger of rural Auburn, Cathy and Jim Bryant of Gettysburg, Pa., and Cheryl and Bob Wright of Granite City, Ill.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Kim Farrington of Bloomington, Ill., Ron Farrington and his fiancee, Jackie Sipes, and Don and Jamie Farrington of Granite City, Ill.; 15 grandchildren, Mark Rottger, Heather Depew, Tonya Gamble, Amy Roseman, Holli Wright, Jodi Plank, Robert Plank, Perry Plank, Melissa Brownley, Kristen Powers, Lisa Farrington, Danny Farrington, Ron Farrington, Aaron Farrington and Amanda Farrington; 12 great-grandchildren, Zachary Depew, Micolea Depew, Dustin Gamble, Denton Gamble, Kelli Rottger, Darbie Bair, Alexandra Pettie, Jacob Pettie, Terra Pettie, Olivia Plank, Jeremy Plank and John Stull; two sisters, Jane Wilhelm of LaGrange and Lorna Mavis of Auburn; one sister-in-law, Ruth Farrington of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Wade Rottger, and a son-in-law, Arthur Plank.

A private graveside service will be conducted Sunday in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Barry Shultz

HUBBARD, Ohio — Barry L. Shultz, 58, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Northside Medical Center.

A graduate of Waterloo High School, Mr. Shultz also graduated from Ohio State University in 1968.

He had lived in Hubbard for 34 years.

He worked as an engineer at Taylor-Winfield Corp. for 20 years.

He was a member of Hubbard First United Methodist Church and enjoyed woodworking and golf.

He was born May 4, 1945, in Napoleon, Ohio, the son of Glen and Doris Johnson Shultz. They preceded him in death.

He married Cheryl May on Sept. 4, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Liz Shultz of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Kris Lightcap of Hudson, Ohio, and Dr. Renee Sandlin and Dr. Jesse Sandlin of Washington, Pa.; one brother, Marion Shultz of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Mark Shultz, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, N.E. Ohio Chapter, 1422 Euclid, Ave., Suite 239, Cleveland, OH 44115.

The Kelley-Robb Funeral Home of Hudson handled arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.kelley-robb.com.

Monte Anderson

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. — Monte Anderson, 65, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Anderson worked in the Watervliet Public Schools from 1964 to 1984. At Watervliet he served as a teacher, elementary principal, high school principal and interim superintendent.

From 1984 until his retirement in 1993, he was the superintendent of the Michigan Center Public Schools.

He was a graduate of Avilla High School and received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University.

He received master's degrees from Ohio State University and Western Michigan University.

Mr. Anderson was a U.S. Army veteran, a Boy Scout leader and a Mason. He was a member of the Watervliet Lions Club and a former member of the Michigan Center Rotary Club.

He was born Dec. 8, 1938, in DeKalb County to Wier and Chloe (Yontz) Anderson.

On June 27, 1957, in Avilla, he married Sally Yarde. She died March 17, 2000.

On June 27, 2001, in South Haven, he married Vada Strother. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda Anderson of Fennville, Mich.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Norma Anderson of Lawton, Mich., Kenneth and Nancy Anderson of Scotts, Mich., Steven and Betty Anderson of Lawrence, Mich., and Dennis and Georgea Anderson of Schoolcraft, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and his caregiver, Josh Leverton.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Burial will be in Leoni Township Cemetery in Michigan Center.

Calling is from 6-9 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Watervliet Public School Scholarship Fund.

Jack Jennings

AVILLA — Jack E. Jennings, 67, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jennings was a truck driver for Myers Orchard Hills Farm and most recently drove a truck for Cline Trucking in Garrett.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Jennings was born May 7, 1936, in Kendallville to Theodore and Sarah (Hanlon) Jennings.

On Jan. 12, 1974, in Kendallville, he married JoAnn Rumsey. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyril and Amy Coburn of Centreville, Va., and Darrell Hewitt of Avilla; three daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl Baysinger of Auburn, Heather and Bob Gamble of Kendallville, and Jacqueline Murad of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Rita Jennings of Kendallville; a sister, Donna Caudill of Rice Town, Ky.; and eight granddaughters, Ashley and Beverly Coburn, both of Centerville, and Sadey, Laken and Torre Gamble, Makayla Crist, and Chelsey and Rachel Murad, all of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff.

Calling is Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Vicki Clabaugh

READING, Mich. — Vicki L. (Deuitch) Clabaugh, 52, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at 5:15 p.m. in Borgess Medical Center at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Vicki Clabaugh

She was a resident of Reading, Mich., for 12 years and worked in assembly at Hutchins FTS in Reading for eight years.

She was born Jan. 26, 1951, in LaPorte to Norbert L. and Lois E. (Burtch) Deuitch. Her father survives in Garrett and her mother preceded her in death.

Also surviving are three sons, Chris Clabaugh and Corby Clabaugh, both of Reading, Mich., and Chad Clabaugh of Hillsdale, Mich.; a daughter, Carri Clabaugh of Charlotte, Mich.; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Norman Deuitch of Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Virginia Guild

AUBURN — Virginia M. Guild, 87, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Billy Scott

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Billy A. Scott, 79, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at 8 p.m. in Harborside Healthcare at Bryan, Ohio. He had been a resident there for the past four years.

Mr. Scott graduated from Auburn High School in 1941 and attended Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He retired from International Harvester in 1977.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church of Hicksville, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Hicksville Masonic Lodge and belonged to the Hicksville post of the American Legion.

He served on the Defiance County Board of Elections for 12 years and on the Village of Hicksville Council for eight years, officiated high school basketball for 22 years and was an avid card player and fisherman.

He was born Dec. 24, 1924, in Auburn to William and Gladys (Townley) Scott.

He married Marcella Panico in 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Dallas Dewey and Jill and Jim Handy, all of Hicksville, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Maxine Wiley, and a brother, Bobby "Skip" Scott.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Jerry Lewis of Grace United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville with military honors by the Hicksville post of the American Legion.

Calling is Thursday from 2-9 p.m. and Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home. A Masonic service will take place Thursday at 7 p.m.

Memorial are to Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville Senior Center and Crippled Children & Adult Society.

Ruth Tibbals

AUBURN — Ruth T. Tibbals, 95, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Mrs. Tibbals worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 34 years. She was a member of the Auburn American Legion Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Moose.

Mrs. Tibbals

She graduated from Auburn High School Class with the class of 1926.

She was born Aug. 19, 1908, in Waterloo to Jonathan P. and Grace A. (Goodwin) Thomas.

She married Howard B. Tibbals on Jan. 19, 1944, in Greenwood, Miss. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Howard and Patricia Thomas of Auburn.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Thomas, on Jan. 9, 1996.

Private graveside services will take place at a later date.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Waterloo, IN 46793, and New Hope Christian Center.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virginia Guild

AUBURN — Virginia M. Guild, 87, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance, Ohio.

Born in DeKalb County, Mrs. Guild was a secretary for Dilgard-Cline Funeral Home in Auburn for eight years, retiring in 1978. She was a life member and volunteer at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of AARP. She belonged to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild, volunteering at its Curiosity Shop in Auburn.

Surviving are five sisters, Wilma Williams of Defiance, Ohio, Deloris Wilson of Continental, Ohio, Shirley Ernsberger of Waterville, Ohio, Donna Lee Leatherman of Oakwood, Ohio, and Carolyn Lee of Spencerville, Ohio; and three brothers, Richard Williams and Donald Williams, both of Continental, Ohio, and Paul Williams of Bronson, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Guild, in 1996; and her parents, one brother, and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Arvin Blickenstaff

HAMILTON — Arvin Blickenstaff, 92, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at 8:30 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Blickenstaff owned and operated the Hamilton Variety Store for several years. He was a former employee of the Auburn Rubber Co. and a former meat cutter at Sutton's Super Valu in Hamilton, retiring in 1976. He was a former school bus driver for the Hamilton school district.

He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ, a charter member of the Auburn Elks lodge and a member of the Auburn Moose lodge and Hamilton Lions Club.

He was born Feb. 28, 1911, in North Manchester to Alva and Blanche (Shriver) Blickenstaff.

He married Margaret Huffman on Feb. 5, 1937. She died in June 1994.

He is survived by a brother, Claire "Red" Blickenstaff of Hamilton; two sisters, Kate Brandon of Auburn and Audrey Corkwell of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, Steve Hardy of Hamilton, Ann and John Damron of Hamilton, Amy and Jeff Keegan of North Carolina; and Janis and Jeff Alexander of Butler; 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Judy Peel; a brother, Luther Blickenstaff; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ building fund or the Hamilton Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Omar Shinn

FORT WAYNE — Omar Louis Shinn, 92, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Rome City, died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at Beverly Rehab Center, where he had resided the past three years.

Mr. Shinn

Mr. Shinn retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was born June 18, 1911, in Auburn to Charles and Lenora (Wagner) Shinn.

On June 6, 1936, in East Gary, he married Violet Henrietta Geiger. She died Jan. 18, 1993.

Surviving are a son, O. Louis Shinn Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Lenore and Larry VanPelt of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery of Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Elva Perry

CONVOY, Ohio — Elva M. Perry, 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mildred and Kent Jones of Auburn, and a son and daughter-in-law, Richard D. and Diane Perry of Convoy.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Cowan & Son Funeral Home, 616 S. Washington St., Van Wert, Ohio.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Edna Cutshall

CLEAR LAKE — Edna "LaVonne" Cutshall, 97, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill Care Center in Kendallville.

She had homes in both Fort Wayne and Clear Lake.

Mrs. Cutshall was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and belonged to the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and Fort Wayne Women's Club. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and bingo.

She was born Jan. 19, 1906, in Columbia City, to Huber Alton and Lutrella (Love) Beeson.

Her husband, Charles Horace Cutshall, preceded her in death in 1976.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and William Loomis of Venice, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jo Cutshall of Clear Lake; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Susan and Jim Ruggiero of Alburtis, Pa.; two grandsons, Bill Loomis of Waterloo and Bob Loomis of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren, Robert W. Loomis, Tiffany N. Loomis, Christin A. Loomis, William C. Loomis, Shawn P. Loomis and Jessica A. Ruggiero.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Jack Jennings

AVILLA — Jack E. Jennings, 67, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jennings was a truck driver for Myers Orchard Hills Farm and most recently drove a truck for Cline Trucking in Garrett.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Jennings was born May 7, 1936, in Kendallville to Theodore and Sarah (Hanlon) Jennings.

On Jan. 12, 1974, in Kendallville, he married JoAnn Rumsey. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyril and Amy Coburn of Centreville, Va., and Darrell Hewitt of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl Baysinger of Auburn, Heather and Bob Gamble of Kendallville, and Jacqueline and Kevin Murad of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Rita Jennings of Kendallville; a sister, Donna Caudill of Rice Town, Ky.; a grandson, Devon Hewitt of Avilla; and eight granddaughters, Ashley and Beverly Coburn, both of Centerville, and Sadey, Laken and Torre Gamble, Makayla Crist, and Chelsey and Rachel Murad, all of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edith Petty

AUBURN — Edith C. Petty died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Petty was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

She was born in Wilmington Township to Daniel and Maude (McCollough) Keller.

She married Floyd L. Petty on April 8, 1950. He died Jan. 19, 1978.

Surviving are her longtime companion, Loyal Frederick of Kendallville, 28 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Elva Perry

CONVOY, Ohio — Elva M. Perry, 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at 10:38 p.m. in her rural home.

Mrs. Perry was a homemaker and attended Calvary Evangelical Church in Van Wert. She was a 1933 graduate of Hoaglin-Jackson High School.

She was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Ridge Township, Van Wert County, to Nathan Leroy Ritchie and Anna Laurie (Stover) Ritchie. They preceded her in death.

She married Lester Calvin Perry on Sept. 14, 1935. He died Nov. 29, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mildred and W. Kent Jones of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard D. and Diane Perry of Convoy; a sister, Ethel Lewis of Carlisle, Pa.; five grandsons and four granddaughters-in-law, Clark and Elouise Perry, Doug and Myrna Perry, Brad and Stacie Jones, Ken and Jennifer Jones, and Nathan Perry; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Laura and Pat Menzie; and nine great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a stepmother, Margaret Perhamus Ritchie; four brothers, Dale, Donald, Lester and Homer Ritchie; and three sisters, Edith Clark, Ruby Davis and Rhonda McGinnis.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Cowan & Son Funeral Home, 616 S. Washington St., Van Wert. Pastor W. Clark Williman of her church will officiate. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery in Ridge Township.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Saturday, January 10, 2004

Dorothy Kurtz

AUBURN — Dorothy Irene (Crosson) Kurtz, 89, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Kurtz was born in Joliet, Ill., and lived in Joliet and New Lenox, Ill., for most of her life.

She retired from Hart Schaffner & Marx after 21 years of service as a timekeeper. She was a charter member of the Larkin Baptist Church in Joliet.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Peggy Kurtz of Auburn and Karl and Marilyn Kurtz of New Lenox; four grandchildren and spouses, Tom and Michele Vana of Lockport, Ill., Joe Kurtz of New Lenox, Kevin and Tina Kurtz of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Kim and Dan Ginder of Fort Wayne; and seven great-grandchildren, Matt, Amy and Jay Vana of Lockport, Liam Kurtz of New Lenox, Brody and Ethan Kurtz of Oconomowoc and Bryce Ginder of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Kurtz, in 1942; her parents, Benjamin and Siegrid (Peterson) Crosson; her sister, Vi Cantu; and three brothers, Carl, Cliff and John Crosson.

Services will be Monday at noon (Indiana time) at the Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 102 E. Francis Road, New Lenox, with Harv Russell officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery of Joliet.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Larkin Baptist Church, Joliet, and Joliet Christian Youth Center.

Vicki Anderson

ALBION — Vicki Leeann Anderson, 41, of Albion died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at 5:15 a.m. at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

She had been ill for six years.

Mrs. Anderson

She was born May 17, 1962, to Lee and Roberta (Mynhier) Ober in LaGrange. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving is her husband, Doug Anderson. They were married on July 14, 2001, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, where she was a member.

Mrs. Anderson worked as a machinist and inspector at Parker Hannifin in Albion. She was a graduate of Central Noble High School and lifelong resident of Albion. She enjoyed her family, art, gardening and crafts.

Surviving are four children, Derek, Chelsea and Bethany Herendeen and Nicole Anderson, all at home; one brother, Mark Ober of Albion; and two sisters, Jamei Luttringer of Albion and Marla Dee Gaff of Albion.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Gladys Clancy

INDIANAPOLIS — Gladys Viola Clancy, 90, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2003.

A former resident of Angola, Mrs. Clancy was born in Hinckley, Minn.

She worked as a registered nurse for five years after graduating from St. Joseph School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn. She lived in Indianapolis and was a member of St. Pius X Church.

She is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Kathy and Curtis Barnett of Illinois, Judy and Rick Bagby of Kansas, Linda and John Kline of Maryland and Pat J. and Tom Russell and Sheila Banner, all of Indiana; a son, Joseph J. Clancy of Indiana; a sister, Etoile Sarff of Minnesota; nine grandchildren, Chris and Gina Russell of Michigan, Jennifer Bagby of Illinois, Nathan Bagby of Kansas, John Kline and Melanie Kline, both of Maryland, William Clancy of Guam and Michael Benner, Sarah Benner and Amy Russell, all of Indiana; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher Russell, Jacob Russell and Lauren Russell, all of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph J. Clancy, and a son, Michael P. Clancy.

A private memorial service and burial will be in Angola at a later date.

Memorials are to Hoover-wood, St. Vincent Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Stephen Mickem

HOWE — Stephen K. Mickem, 58, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mickem

Mr. Mickem was co-owner of LaGrange Recondi-tioning Center in LaGrange from 1970 to 2002 and the owner of Ontario Ice Cream Parlor from 1996 to 1998 and the Union 76 Station in Howe from 1988 to 1990.

He was a member of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, National Arbor Foundation, National Association for the Self-Employed, National Federation of Independent Business, LaGrange County Extension Board and Indiana Sheriff's Association. He was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.

He was born July 20, 1945, in Kendallville to Melvin V. and L. Marie (Lewis) Mickem.

He married Julia A. Fought on Oct. 4, 1964 in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Greg Weldon of Wolcottville and Tonya and Patrick Carlson of McCordsville; a son and daughter-in-law, Kent A. and Cassidy Mickem of Howe; two brothers, Douglas Mickem of Syracuse and Terry Mickem of LaGrange; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers, Larry Mickem and Anthony Mickem.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church at Wolcottville. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Shearer

LIGONIER — Helen R. Shearer, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at 9:45 a.m. in Avalon Village at Ligonier.

Mrs. Shearer was a lifetime resident of Noble County. She had worked at the former Wirk Garment in Ligonier and then as a teacher's aide and in the cafeteria for West Noble School Corp.

She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church and the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star. She liked to sew, crochet, knit and go antiquing. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and was an exceptional baker and cook, as evidenced by her collection of cookbooks.

She was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Noble County to Alva and Dorothy (Chestnut) Vance.

She married Richard Shearer on Aug. 17, 1951, at Lake Wawasee. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Charlotte Shearer of Lebanon, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin Sue and Terry Tonkel of South Bend and Cheryl Lee and Brad Smith of Syracuse; a sister, Betty Biddle of Ligonier; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Katie Hyser

COLUMBIA CITY — Katie Jo Lynn Hyser was stillborn at 2:46 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Torri Treace and Rodney L. Hyser of Big Lake; a twin sister, Kelsie Marie Hyser of Big Lake; a brother, Rodney Lee Hyser Jr. of Big Lake; a maternal grandfather and his wife, Hayworth "Skip" and Elva Treace of West Unity, Ohio; a paternal grandmother, Ruth Ann Creech of Collins; two great-grandparents, Cora Mae Colpetzer of Fort Wayne and Don Gilcher of Montpelier, Ohio; five aunts, six uncles and several cousins.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Steve Hildebrand of Woodview Church of God will officiate. Burial will follow.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

Clayton Lewis

ROME CITY — Clayton R. Lewis, 79, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at his residence in Rome City.

Before retiring in 1985, Mr. Lewis was a distribution supervisor with Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. for 40 years.

He was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church and, during World War II, served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943-1946.

He was born in Fort Wayne and was a resident of Allen County until 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Lewis of Rome City; three sons, Steven R. Lewis of Huntertown, Michael L. Lewis of Lizton and Mark A. Lewis of Auburn; two daughters, Bonnie J. Souder and Cynthia A. Green, both of Auburn; a brother, Donald E. Lewis of Phoenix; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank E. Lewis and James C. Lewis; and four sisters, Martha H. Heath, Dorothy A. Brooks, Helen I. Ternet and Marjorie Hearn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ronald Shuler

ASHLEY — Ronald A. Shuler, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shuler was a retired welder and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He lived in Ashley for 10 years after moving there from Angola.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 18, 1932, to Donald and Marcella (Hubbard) Shuler.

He married Barbara Weaver on Oct. 23, 1951, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jeff Shuler of Angola; three daughters, Rinda Smith of Fort Wayne, Carmen Quinn of Columbus, Ohio, and Jeanette Andrews of Angola; a sister, Carol Westfall of Columbus, Ohio; a half-brother, Don Shuler of White Pigeon, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held. Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Alice Boylan

FORT WAYNE — Alice M. Boylan, 87, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Life Care.

Mrs. Boylan was a bookkeeper at Franks Auto Parts, retiring after 40 years in 1975. She also worked 12 years at Fish of Stroh. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons, Jim Boylan of Auburn and Rick Boylan of Simi Valley, Calif.; a sister, Betty Schuler of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Frank J. Boylan, preceded her in death in 1978.

Services were today at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Linda Grate

GARRETT — Linda Lou Grate, 57, of Garrett and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at her home.

Linda Grate

She was a homemaker and had worked at A-1 Production in Kendallville. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

She was born Aug. 31, 1946, in Kendallville to Bernard J. and Mildred Sorg.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tammy Grate and Tina and George Krusz III, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Vern and Eugene Sorg, both of Kendallville; a sister, Norma Kirk of LaOtto; and two grandchildren, Ty Krusz and Kali Krusz, both of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating.

Calling is from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marian House

BUTLER — Marian L. House, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at her home in Butler with her family.

Mrs. House

Mrs. House had been a resident of Bluffton for 33 years before moving to Butler three years ago. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Bluffton for 22 years.

A 1945 graduate of Sandusky Business College, Mrs. House worked for Caylor-Nickel Clinic for many years, helping people with their insurance. On Dec. 18, 1988, Caylor-Nickel Clinic presented her with its Employee of the Year Award. She retired in 1989, but continued to volunteer her services for another 10 years.

She was born Jan. 18, 1926, in Port Clinton, Ohio, to Charles and Mabel (Cleaver) Thompson.

On June 21, 1946, she married Robert B. House at St. John's Lutheran Church in Port Clinton, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-laws, Nancy and Tim Flowers of Bluffton and Sharon and Michael Mayer of Butler; two sons, Robert Alden House and Richard DeWitt House, both of Bluffton; eight grandchildren; a brother, Charles Thompson of Memphis, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Pastor Neil Wilson of the First United Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Elm Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Caylor-Nickel Foundation, DeKalb Memorial Home Health Services or the First United Church of Christ in Bluffton.

Johnny Chaffins

GARRETT — Johnny Chaffins, 42, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 11, 1961, in Middletown, Ohio, to James and Madeline (Kilgore) Chaffins. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are five sons, Spencer Rowe and Calib Chaffins, both of Howe, and David Short, Joshua Chaffins and Tyler Chaffins, all of Garrett; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Chaffins of Garrett and James and Deb Chaffins of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Randall Kimball of Waterloo; a grandchild, Devin Short; a niece, Holly Kimball; two nephews, James Kimball and Ryan Chaffins; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Nicholas Shearer

AUBURN — Nicholas Austin Shearer, 5 days old, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 7, 2004, in Fort Wayne to Zach Cobb and Wendy Shearer. His parents survive.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Ronnie L. and Esther E. Shearer; his paternal grandparents, Anthony and Linda Kulb; a maternal great-grandmother, Retta Graves; a maternal great-grandfather, Merl Shearer; and a paternal great-grandfather, William Thomas Cobb.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. Steve Kummernus will officiate.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kenneth Kieffer

LEO — Kenneth C. "Thor" Kieffer, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kieffer

He was born May 10, 1918, in Willard, Ohio. He worked as an engineer for the B & O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Steve Mavity of Leo; three grandchildren, Marci of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Noah and Jared, both of Leo; and two sisters, Garland Reed of Youngstown, N.Y., and Doris Goudreau of Hernando, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Alice (Beamer) Kieffer; his first wife, Leona, in 1984; his second wife, Ruth, in 1993; and a son, Ricky, in 1976.

Arrangements are being handled by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett and Secor Funeral Home in Willard, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Beverly Sue Gettinger

COLUMBIA CITY — Beverly Sue "Susie" Gettinger, 62, died Sunday Jan. 11, 2004, at 11:11 a.m. in Banor Bay Heart Hospital at Mesa, Ariz.

She was a housekeeper at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for several years.

She was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Church in Columbia City, Columbia City Eagles, the Auburn Moose lodge, Whitley County Domestic Violence Task Force and Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect, Indiana Chapter.

She was born Oct. 9, 1941, in Spencerville to Roy Alvin Hensley and Lula Bell (Fett) Hensley. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Bob Gettinger of Columbia City, Scott Gettinger of Phoenix and Stephen Gettinger of North Manchester, two daughters, Tammy Jo Barnes of Prescott, Ariz., and Rhonda Sue Baker of St. Joe; 13 grandchildren and two brothers, David Hensley of Fort Wayne and Bobby Hensley of Idaho.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Hensley and Michael Hensley.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Church in Columbia City. Father Chris Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling is Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Memorials are to the Indiana Chapter of Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect.

Ronald Allmandinger

AUBURN — Ronald Allmandinger, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Kathleen Marquart

FORT WAYNE — Kathleen Jackson Bell Marquart, 59, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Fort Wayne native, she was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Lisa Bell and Eric and Kelly Bell, all of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Makenzie, Madison, Devin and Jackson; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pam and Tom Garwood of Hamilton and Sue and Jack Calkins of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Thomas Bell and Dennis Marquart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery. Calling is Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Tamara Rice

LIGONIER — Tamara Denise Rice, an infant, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Crystal Harlan, and father, Kenneth Rice, both of Ligonier; a brother, Dennis W. Barr of Ligonier; a stepgrandfather, Freddie Shephard of Kendallville; her grandmothers, Laura Rice of Ligonier and Tamara Groom of Kendallville; and a grandfather, Claude Rice of West Virginia.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Allmandinger

AUBURN — Ronald R. Allmandinger, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Allmandinger worked as a quality control manager at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1992 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited and was an avid trap shooter. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Earnest and Clara (Shelper) Allmandinger.

On May 15, 1954, he married Virgie Sims in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Kathy Allmandinger of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Jeff Hess of Rome City; two sisters, Lois Dettmer of Fort Wayne and Karen Grote of Valparaiso; three grandchildren, Adam Allmandinger, Amy Maloney and Brandy Hess; two great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph Allmandinger.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bill Maier

AUBURN — Bill Maier, 49, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Maier was born May 30, 1954, in Auburn to James Dale Maier and Janet (LaMarr) Maier. His mother died in January 2001. His father survives in Madison, Fla.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Pero of Connecticut; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Amanda Maier and Anne and Scott Likens, all of Auburn, and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Helga Maier of Connecticut, and their families; four aunts, Naomi Rakestraw, Betty Taylor, Emily Farmer and Mary Lou Freed, all of Auburn, and two uncles, Kenneth Maier and Donald Maier.

There will be no service or calling. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, 301 Superior St., Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Willis Matson Sr.

AVILLA — Willis James Matson Sr., 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Matson was a farmer and owned Corunna Builders' Supplies from 1947 to 1960. He was a self-employed carpenter, retiring in 1972.

He was a World War II Army veteran, earning the Purple Heart, two bronze stars and the combat infantry badge.

Mr. Matson was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Yellowstone National Park from 1932-1933. He built Hidden Valley Trailer Park and then owned and operated it.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was a life member and past commander of the Kendallville and Waterloo posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 23, 1913, in Franklin Township to Merritt A. and Ermie E. (Miller) Matson. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 7, 1935, he married Doris Hagerty in Angola. She died June 14, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee William Matson and Elaine Matson of Avilla, Willis "James" Matson Jr. and Sharon Matson of Avilla and Larry Allen Matson and Kathy Matson of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen Marie and Raymond Lamb of Jamestown, Tenn., and Nancy Lou and Ronald Sowles of Albion; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Dane A. Cupp, and three brothers, Edward, Robert and Lloyd Matson.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Waterloo VFW post Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the VFW Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Doris Rosenberry

GARRETT — Doris I. "Louise" Rosenberry, 90, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Tempe St. Luke's Hospital in Tempe, Ariz.

She was manager of the Holiday Inn Restaurant in Tempe for several years and was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Rosenberry moved to Tempe from Brookville, Fla., in the early 1970s.

She enjoyed crocheting, knitting and sewing. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Born July 6, 1913, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Burtzner) Mowry.

Her husband, Walter Dene, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Jerry Curcuro of Tempe; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ilene Rosenberry of Three Rivers, Mich.; four brothers, John Paul, Wayne, Lionel "Bud" and George Mowry; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Steven Frost officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling is from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

A funeral service was held Jan. 5 in Tempe, Ariz.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Richard Mayse

INDIANAPOLIS — Richard Mayse, 56, of Indianapolis died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004.

Mr. Mayse graduated from Martin University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He worked at Western Craft and Weyerhauser as a manufacturer of corrugated containers for 30 years.

He also served as the senior pastor at Ritter Avenue Church of the Nazarene for nine years. In August 1997, he was ordained an elder at the church. He was a member of the Pace Union.

Mr. Mayse was born Feb. 12, 1947, in Russell, Ky., to Woodrow W. and Joanna (Croy) Mayse. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia L. Mayse; a daughter, Amanda M. Mayse; four sons, Gary Mayse, Jeff Mayse, Tim Mayse and Dusty Mayse; six grandchildren; a sister, Kathy Miller, and four brothers, Donald, Michael and David Mayse and Steve Mayse of Waterloo.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in South Irvington Church of the Nazarene. Memorials are to the church.

Shirley Brothers Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Orville Fletcher

HILTON HEAD, S.C. — Orville H. "Ted" Fletcher, 71, died Nov. 19, 2003, in Hilton Head, S.C.

Mr. Fletcher attended Garrett High School from 1945-1947 through his sophomore year. He played as halfback on the varsity football team and ran track.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Dec. 1, 1931, to Orville Hunt and Virginia Elizabeth Fletcher.

The third of seven children, he lived with his family on North Randolph Street while his father worked as an official with the B&O Railroad.

The family moved from Garrett to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Fletcher graduated from high school in 1950. He served as a front-line Marine during the Korean Conflict.

He married his wife, Peggy, in Pittsburgh on March 1, 1956. She survives.

His early career was in sales and he was the national sales manager for the Wall Street Journal.

In the 1970s, he chose to go into the Christian mission field. In 1979, he and his wife launched a new foreign mission organization, Pioneers, now based in Orlando, Fla. It has more than 1,000 workers serving in 50 nations.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four children, Virginia Mauger, John Fletcher, Arlene Richardson and Carol Franz; 16 grandchildren; two sisters, Martha and Mary Jane; and three brothers, John, Bill and Harry.

A brother, Waller, preceded him in death.

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Mary Graber

HARLAN — Mary M.Graber, 86, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital North in Fort Wayne.

A native of Allen County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Fannie Marie and Alvin Lengacher of Harlan, Mary and Vern Steury of Harlan, Betty and John Witmer of Grabill and Rebecca and Timothy Lengacher of New Haven; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Melvin and Emma Graber of Spencerville, Dennis J. and Dorothy Graber of Leo, and Jesse Graber Jr. of Middlebury; 42 grandchildren and 115 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Menno Schwartz of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse, in 1998; three granddaughters, two grandsons and one brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Rebecca and Timothy Lengacher residence, 14005 Doty Road, New Haven. Burial will be at Milan Center Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Lengacher home any time Friday and prior to the service on Saturday.

The Hockemeyer Funeral Home of Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Bonnie Worner

ANGOLA — Bonnie Lou Worner, 53, of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements for services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Dahlia Everett

HUDSON — Dahlia G. Everett died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004.

She had retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. after 26 years and was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church. She moved to Fort Wayne from Hudson in 1987.

She was born in Jackson, Ky., to James and Dora (Little) Gross.

She married Albert T. Everett on Oct. 6, 1940. He preceded her in death on April 22, 1957.

Surviving are a son, Albert Everett Jr. of Ashley; three daughters, Bonnie Mergy and Shirley Evans, both of Fort Wayne, and Joan Everett of Tampa, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Anthony and Timothy Evans, Bradley and Brent Mergy, Michelle Thomas, Keli Everett and Kristina Jollief; and eight great-grandchildren, Madison and Morgan Evans, Andrew Mergy, Jackson Evans, Jay and Everett Thomas, Bailey Tuttle and Jordan Jollief.

Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. Pastor Kathleen Haller of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hudson and Ashley fire departments.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Lorraine Coleman

GARRETT — Lorraine M. Coleman, 59, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. at her home.

A lifetime Garrett resident, she was an inspector at Mossberg Hubbard in Garrett for 24 years before retiring in 1989. She also was the AFL-CIO Union secretary at Mossberg.

Mrs. Coleman was born Oct. 24, 1944, in Garrett to Frank A. and Olive L. (Hulburt) Rowe. They preceded her in death.

She married George L. Coleman on March 30, 1963, in Kendallville. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Todd L. Coleman of Auburn and Tim L. Coleman of Garrett; a daughter, Tammy L. Coleman of Auburn; four grandchildren, Zachary Coleman, Christina Meyer and Seth Coleman, all of Auburn, and McKenzie Coleman of Albion; two brothers, William Rowe of Garrett and Richard Rowe of Waterloo; a sister, Carol Parr of LaOtto; and her mother-in-law, Laura M. Coleman of Kendallville.

A brother, Robert Rowe, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Richard Jones officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ora Hagerty

FORT WAYNE — Ora C."Red" Hagerty, 84, died Thursday evening, Jan. 15, 2004, at his daughter's residence in Muncie after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hagerty

Mr. Hagerty was born in Butler, the son of Commodore and Ada Wyckoff Hagerty, and graduated from Butler High School. He worked for Auburn Clutch, now Eaton Corp., for 30 years until retiring in 1974.

He and his wife wintered in Zolfo Springs, Fla., where he enjoyed playing golf. He was a member of the UAW.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Margaret Ellen Campbell Hagerty of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith Cox and the Rev. Tim Cox of Muncie; seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Geneva Oberlin of Cedarville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild, his parents, three brothers, Kenneth, Vern and Adrian; and four sisters, Hazel, Wilma, Irene and Gertrude.

Memorial services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in One Accord Tabernacle, 2009 N. Manring, Muncie, with Pastor Eugene McComas officiating. Cremation will take place, with burial of cremated remains in Butler Cemetery. The Meeks Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Calling is after the service.

Memorials are to The Gideons or to Southern Care Hospice, 3414 W. Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

Condolences may be sent to meeksmortuary@sbcglobal.net.

Nicholas Shearer

AUBURN — A graveside service for Nicholas Austin Shearer has been postponed until a date to be announced later.

The service originally was scheduled for today at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery.

Nicholas Shearer, 5 days old, died Jan. 12 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was the son of Zach Cobb and Wendy Shearer.

Reba Crowl

HAMILTON — Reba L. Crowl, 85, of Hamilton died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Crowl was born Sept. 5, 1918, in DeKalb County to Avery and Edith (Radabaugh) Lemmon. She was married to Lawrence Crowl on April 16, 1938, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2002.

She was a nutrition aide with the Purdue Extension Office at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne for 14 years, and worked at Hamilton High School for six years.

She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. She was a 50-year member of the Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and belonged to the Steuben County Republican Women's Club. She was a former member of the Home Extension Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie R. Johnson of Hamilton; two sons, Charles Crowl of Hamilton and James Crowl of Angola; a sister, Joyce Sutton of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor George Foulk officiating. Burial is in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church or the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Kenneth Cope Jr.

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth L. Cope Jr. 63, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a bartender at The Greentop in Waterloo and a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge. a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 13, 1940, in Angola to Kenneth and Lucille (Rowe) Cope Sr. On Nov. 11, 1966, he married Marjorie Ickes, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Matt and Cheryl Cope of Cape Coral, Fla., Joe and Gayle Cope of Waterloo, Roger Cope of Pleasant Lake and Eric and Mindy Cope of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa and Doug Barnes of Greencastle, Michelle and Frank Davis of Angola and Melissa Cope of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Sue Cope and Richard and Penny Cope of Angola; two sisters, Becky Cope of Pleasant Lake and Patty Taylor of Marion; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with John Coney officiating. Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial is in Cope Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to the family.

Bonnie Orner

ANGOLA — Bonnie Lou Orner, 53, died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at her home.

She had worked at Scott's and Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She was born May 15, 1950, in Hudson, Mich., to Issac B. and Rose Belle (Ross) Goldsmith.

On Dec. 1, 1972, she married William H. Orner. She moved to Angola two years ago.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Alvin O'Brien of Pleasant Lake; one son, William Orner and his fiancee Chrystal Rodgers, both of Lake James; six grandchildren, Michael, Ashley and Kimberley O'Brien and Sierra, Shaleah and Devin Orner; two sisters, Doris Whitehead of Lyons, Ohio, and Linda Stangle of Carrollton, Ky.; and two brothers, Bruce Goldsmith of Waldron, Mich., and Orville Goldsmith of Morenci, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Missionary Church, 9030 U.S. 20 West, Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating.

Calling is one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

The Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Sharon Koelzer

JOPLIN, Mo. — Sharon Joan Koelzer, 61, died at 10:32 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at St. John's Hospital in Joplin.

She had worked at Eby Ford in Goshen, Ind., and Pete Fall Ford in Elkhart, Ind., as a bookkeeper, and then was an over-the-road truck driver, which she loved. She had moved to Joplin in 1999, and had lived most of her married life in Gretna, Neb.

Mr. Koelzer

Mrs. Koelzer attended Huff Corners Elementary School in LaGrange County, Ind., and was a 1960 graduate of Bethany Christian High School, Goshen.

She enjoyed growing and arranging flowers and collecting Precious Moments, depression glass and dolls.

She was born May 28, 1942, in Topeka, Ind., to Samuel S. and Rachel Matilda (Miller) Miller.

On Dec. 31, 1984, in Omaha, Neb., she married Raymond Lawrence Koelzer.

Surviving are her husband; four stepdaughters, Catherine Ann Hudgins of Delta, Ala., Joan Lori Koelzer of Omaha, Lisa Annette Christy of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Mitzi Marie Mason of Omaha; five stepsons, Raymond Anthony Koelzer of Omaha, Lawrence Raymond Koelzer of Savannah, Mo., Michael Garil Koelzer of Omaha, Richard Allen Koelzer of Richmond, Mo., and Kevin Wayne Koelzer of Omaha; 22 stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Willowdean Schleining of Goshen, Wilma Jean and Walter Schrock of Shipshewana, Winifred and Aaron Lehman of Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada, and her twin, Karon June and Vance Weaver of Goshen; and one brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Leabell Miller of Shipshewana.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Tina Schlabach of the Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bethany Christina High School or the American Cancer Society.

Jean Potter

AUBURN — Jean E. Potter, 77, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Potter was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born April 23, 1926, in Auburn.

Surviving are three sisters, Barbara Potter Capen, Janet Potter and Jane Potter, all of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Mary Ann and Jerry McClain of Texas; an aunt, Joan Knepper of Auburn; and an uncle, Bill Myers of Auburn.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A private family service will be conducted Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Keith Coney

KENDALLVILLE — Keith C. Coney, 41, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at his residence.

He was a retired factory worker and had lived his entire life in LaGrange and Noble counties. He was a NASCAR fan and a fan of his nephew, who drives a race car for LA West Racing of LaGrange.

Mr. Coney

Surviving are his fiancee, Kelley Rumsey; his mother, Edith (Fuller) Coney of Ligonier; three daughters, Mistee Coney of Howe, Mindee Coney of Kendallville and Brandee Miller of Goshen; two sons, Jeremee Coney of Howe and Dustin Miller of Goshen; one sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Jeff Artecki of Kendallville; two brothers, Bradley Coney of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Jeffery Coney of Topeka; eight nephews and seven nieces.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

Emma Keim

HENDERSON, Nev. — Emma Jane Keim, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

The South Whitley native was a clerk at International Harvester, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the World Wildlife Federation.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Miller of Henderson and Stephanie Schreiner of Albion; two sisters, Mary Koppenhafer of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Maxine Lydon of Fort Wayne; one brother, Eberly VanWey of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren Melanie Hall, Timothy Sparks, Christine Reavis and Kara Weber; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Daniel W. Keim in 1969; one brother, Donald VanWey; and one grandson, Michael Hall.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society.

Monday, January 19, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrections and additional information.*

Jean Potter

AUBURN — Jean E. Potter, 77, of Auburn, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Potter was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born April 23, 1926, in Auburn to Forrest A. and Margaret R. (Myers) Potter. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Barbara Potter Capen, Janet Potter and Jane Potter, all of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Mary Ann and Jerry McClain of Texas; an aunt, Joan Knepper of Auburn; an uncle, Bill Myers of Auburn; and her cousins.

A private family service will be conducted Tuesday. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Daniel Sorg

HOAGLAND — Daniel E. Sorg, 52, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at his home.

A native of Fort Wayne, he was employed at Foamex. He was an avid sportsman and a member of the Screaming Eagles Archery Club and the Indiana Bowhunters Association.

Surviving are his wife, Valarie A. Sorg; his mother, Dolores (Ray) Sorg Buescher; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, David J. and Pam Sorg of Columbia City, Douglas J. and Sharon Sorg of Hoagland, and Michael J. Sorg of Garrett; and 14 nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Thirteenth Step House Inc. or Hope House, Inc.

Hugh Fulk Sr.

LAOTTO — Hugh E. Fulk Sr., 89, of LaOtto, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at 12:10 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fulk was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years, serving in World War II and Korea.

After leaving the Air Force, he owned the LaOtto Body Shop for 42 years. He had lived in LaOtto for 53 years.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Churubusco to William R. and Lucy (Summers) Fulk.

He married Marilynn Southern on June 21, 1941, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Hugh Fulk Jr. and Linda Fulk of Wagoner, Okla., and David and Shirley Fulk of Kendallville; a sister, Marion Harnish of Auburn; four grandsons, Matthew Fulk of Big Lake, Minn., and Duane, Jamie and Daniel Fulk, all of Wagoner, Okla.; a granddaughter, Brandy Teders of Avilla; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Robert and Clifton.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Margaret Jackson

PLEASANT LAKE — Margaret M. "Peg" Jackson, 69, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Jackson was an inspector at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 28 years. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and an honorary member of the Hamilton Lions Club. She played Mrs. Santa in Steuben County from 1975 to 2003.

Mrs. Jackson

She was born April 23, 1934, in Clyde, Ohio, to William A. and Mildred Caulpeltzer.

She married Robert D. Jackson on July 28, 1950. He died April 10, 2002.

Surviving are a son, John C. Jackson of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Kate Jackson of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Marilyn Bates of South Carolina; and three grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Bill Harris.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, with Pastor George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Kate Jackson for a scholarship fund.

Ethel Stevenson

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ethel P. Stevenson, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, WELCA and the church choir.

Surviving are her daughter, Carol L. Smith of Spencerville; two sons, Bruce E. Stevenson of Missouri and Alvin G. Stevenson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granchild; a sister, Mary Murphy of Fort Wayne; and a brother Gerald "Mike" DeLong of Harlan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Stevenson, and a daughter, Beth Ann.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 S.R. 37, Harlan.

Burial will be at Scripio Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or The Cedars.

Kurt Fell

WATERLOO — Kurt Ryan Fell, 29, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004.

Mr. Fell worked for DeKalb County at Sunny Meadows Farm.

He was born June 13, 1974, in Auburn, to Louis and Martina (Renfrow) Fell. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are four brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael and Anita Fell of New Haven and Ronald, Kent and Steven Fell, all of Waterloo; one sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Tim Bice of Waterloo; three nieces, Misty, Jessica and Chelsea Fell; and two nephews, Zachary and Brett Bice.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl of New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Daw San Yee

AUBURN — Daw San Yee, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 30, 1920.

Surviving are a daughter, Dr. Khin Mar Oo of Auburn; and two sons, Hla W. Mang of Auburn and Tun W. Mang of Sydney, Australia.

Her husband, U Thet Tin, preceded her in death.

Memorials are to the Society of Theravada Buddha Sasana, 6910 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Lavina Buckles-Maulsby

AVILLA — Lavina A. Buckles-Maulsby, 81, of Avilla died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Buckles-Maulsby was a lifetime Noble County resident and had been a clerk at Avilla Hardware for more than 25 years.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, the Ladies Aid Society of the church, Avilla Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and a Gold Star Mother. She enjoyed traveling, doing crafts and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born May 24, 1922, in Green Township to George and Hazel (McCreary) Owen.

Her first husband, Russell Buckles, died Jan. 18, 1945. Her second husband, Marshall Maulsby, died in 1968.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Buckles, George Buckles, and Donald and Bethal Buckles, all of Avilla, and James Buckles of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Buckles of Waterloo; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lila Schmuck of Avilla, Myrtle and George Bohnenberger of Avilla, and Irene Molargik of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church organ fund.

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Ruth Gunion

AUBURN — Ruth E. Gunion, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at St. Joseph Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ruth Gunion

She worked at Garrett Community Hospital until its closing in 1967. She then served as assistant director of the senior nutrition center in Garrett until she retired in 1982.

She was born Sept. 14, 1927, at Sulphur Springs, Texas, to Thomas A. and Dessie Ruth (Jonas) Brown. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald M. Livergood Jr. and Reva Livergood of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Paula J. "Susie" and Jay Freed of Auburn; a sister, Flora Bowden of Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly and Ron Getts of Garrett, Todd and Leighann Miller of Garrett, Chris Hamann and Tracy Nash of Waterloo, Shawn Bowen of Missouri, DeWayne and Nickie Lehman of Maryland, Phil and Holly Everidge of Auburn, Jeremy and Ruth Ober of Angola and Kala Livergood of Auburn; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Sarah Everidge, one brother and one sister.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Jess Jessup will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeview Community Church in Hamilton.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Geraldine Hockaday

GARRETT — Geraldine "Jeri" Hockaday, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Hockaday worked in data processing at Cooper in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was born June 16, 1918, in Fort Wayne to Edward and Dorothy (Blair) Uhl. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Warren E. Hockaday on Dec. 9, 1945, in Fort Wayne.

After their marriage, they moved to Chicago for 10 years, before moving to Garrett, where they lived for the next 25 years. Upon her retirement, they moved to West Salem, Wis., for the next 20 years. She returned to Fort Wayne in 2000 after her husband died in 1999.

She had lived at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett for the past four months.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sandy Hockaday of Fort Wayne; a grandson, M. Kevin Hockaday of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Melissa Capps of Fort Wayne; a great-grandson, Braden Capps of Fort Wayne; and a great-granddaughter, Whitney Capps of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a twin brother, Gerald Uhl; a brother, Marvin Uhl; and two sisters, Margaret Rhan and Pauline Gillie; in addition to her parents and husband.

A celebration of life service will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Helen House in Bangor, Wis., Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, or Covington Commons Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thursday, January 22, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about survivors.*

Daw San Yee

AUBURN — Daw San Yee, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 30, 1920.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Khin Mar Oo and Zaw Myint of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hla W. Maung of Auburn and Tun W. Maung and Mary Maung of Sydney, Australia; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Melissa Maung of Sydney, Australia.

Her husband, U Thet Tin, preceded her in death.

Memorials are to the Society of Theravada Buddha Sasana, 6910 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Friday, January 23, 2004

Juana Barajas

LAGRANGE — Juana Pina Barajas, 69, of LaGrange died at 12:49 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barajas was born June 24, 1934, in Taimeo, Michoacan, Mexico, the daughter of Heulalio Pina and Maria Felicitas Barajas.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Martha Barajas of Mexico and Maria and Jose Garcia of LaGrange; a son, Artemio Garcia of Mexico; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Phil Ley officiating. Burial will be in Taimeo Cemetery in Taimeo, Mexico.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Saturday, January 24, 2004

NO LOCAL DEATHS

Larry Parsons

ALBION — Larry Patrick Parsons, 51, of Albion, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Parsons was a finisher for Silgan Plastic in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post.

He was born March 13, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons.

Surviving are a daughter, Crystal Helton of Georgia; a son, Dennis Patrick Parsons of Marion; four grandchildren, Jordon and Tanner Helton, Aarron Ray Hartley and Cammie Marie Godbey; two sisters, Fran Blevins of Kendallville and Wanda Blevins of Albion; two brothers, Gene Parsons of Elkhart and Terry Parsons of Goshen; and a companion, Mary Godbey of Albion.

His parents and a brother, Robert Parsons, preceded him in death.

Full military graveside services performed by Ligonier American Legion Post are at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate.

Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Dirrim

ANGOLA — Gladys Dirrim, 86, of Angola, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Dirrim attended Flint United Methodist Church. She sang in and led several choirs.

She was born March 25, 1917, in Morgan County, Ky., to George and Lizzie (Bryant) Halsey.

Surviving are a son, Harold Eugene Dirrim of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Brad Dirrim and Kathy Quick; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold H. Dirrim, in 1964; four sisters, Blanche Delancy, Lula France Conner, Sarah Penrod and Marybelle Rose Werts; and six brothers, Leonard, Earl, Ted, Harmie, Earnie and Ray Halsey.

Private family services are at a later date.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Private visitation wil be held for the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Hudson

KENDALVILLE — Ronald L. Hudson, 57, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at the Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He previously worked as a manager of the Strand Movie Theater in Kendallville, of which his parents were the former owners.

Mr. Hudson was born Aug. 27, 1946, to Robert and Juanita J. Hudson.

There are no services or visitation.

Burial will be at a later date in Earlham Cemetery in Richmond.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is in charge of the arrangements.

Monday, January 26, 2004

Harold Goldsmith

SPENCERVILLE — Harold J. Goldsmith, 89, died Sunday morning, Jan. 25, 2004, at his home in Spencerville.

Mr. Goldsmith was a retired farmer. He was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Eastern school district and operated Goldsmith Welding Shop for 30 years. He was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

He was born July 1, 1914, in Spencerville to Solomon and Rilla (Van Zile) Goldsmith.

Her married Fern M. Warner on Feb. 16, 1938. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two sons, Earl Goldsmith of Butler and Walter Goldsmith of Spencerville; seven grandchildren, five foster grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 11 foster great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville. Pastor Todd Steere will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling is Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Kathryn Schmitt

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn L. Schmitt, 58, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schmitt

Born in Arcola, she was the owner of Roanoke Lanes and Little Turtle Hillcrest Bowl in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 261.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. of Auburn; a daughter, Mary Kay Hammond of Fremont; three grandchildren, Joseph Andrews of Fremont, Suzanne Schmitt of Auburn and David Lee Hammond of Fremont; and two sisters, Karen Millett of Tucson, Ariz., and Jane Neher of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L., in 2000, and a brother, Tom Predmore of Washington.

A memorial service will be Friday at noon in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to ARC of Allen County or the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Helen Bowmar

AUBURN — Helen Bowmar, 76, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at 10:30 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Bowmar was a homemaker and a graduate of Garrett High School. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and the Garrett Eagles and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries. She was an honorary member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born Oct. 27, 1927, in Jackson, Mich. to Joseph and Dorothy (Wattier) Lesson.

She married Charles W. "Babe" Bowmar on Oct. 6, 1951, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Melinda Bowmar of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Evelyn Butler, and a brother, Joe Lesson.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ruby Ober

LAOTTO — Ruby A. Ober, 90, of rural LaOtto, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

A homemaker, she had lived on her husband's family farm in rural LaOtto since 1949.

She was born Jan. 19, 1914, in Alma, Mich., to David and Lillian (Crum) Hannafius.

She married Ralph T. Ober on Aug. 23, 1952, in Angola. He died Jan. 31, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara LaCross of LaOtto; two daughters-in-law, Kathryn LaCross of LaOtto and Diana LaCross of Dryden, Mich.; a stepdaughter-in-law, Virginia Ober of Heartland, Mich.; a sister, Filena McKee of Alma, Mich.; a granddaughter, Eileen Marks of Garrett; two stepgranddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and Gary 'sham of Garrett and Lori and Bill Beverly, also of Garrett; a stepgrandson, Jim Murray of Cleveland; a sister-in-law, Adeline Hannafius of Oklahoma; two great-granddaughters, one great-grandson, one stepgreat-grandson, three step-great-granddaughters and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, William LaCross in 2001 and Robert LaCross in 1997, a stepson, Ralph Ober Jr., and a brother, William Hannafius, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Joel Stanley will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Beverly Hagerty

HAMILTON — Beverly I. Hagerty, 71, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at her home in Hamilton.

Mrs. Hagerty had been a cook at Roger's Harvest House. She was a 1951 graduate of Hamilton High School. She had been crowned Mrs. Fairbanks (Alaska) in 1966 and then hosted a television show in Fairbanks.

She was born Jan. 8, 1933, in Hamilton to Carrie (Bebe) and Eugene Teegarden. They preceded her in death.

She married Wayne Hagerty in Hamilton on Sept. 22, 1950. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Stacy and Nina Hagerty, Denzlo "Denny" and Joetta Hagerty and Kelly Hagerty, all of Hamilton; a daughter, Kerry Hagerty of Wasilla, Alaska; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lowella Koogle of Angola and Maxine and Howard White of Fremont.

Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Lowell, Kenneth, George and Robert Teegarden.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is handling arrangements.

Memorials are any gifts of time, equipment or money to the Steuben County Home Hospice.

Jack Whitford

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Whitford, 79, of Kendallville died at noon Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Whitford

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Whitford had been a service technician for Hossinger Refrigeration in Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville, a life member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus 7839 in Kendallville.

He was born May 12, 1924, in Kendallville to Robert and Gladys (Turney) Whitford.

On July 14, 1946, in Ashland, Mass., he married Gertrude M. "Trudy" Plourde. She died Sept. 19, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anne M. and David Balbaugh of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott A. and Terry Whitford of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Daniel E. Whitford of Riverside, Calif.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia "Gini" and Richard Yanuszeski of Kendallville and Pat Gilliland of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Devon Balbaugh, Philip Pankop, Christopher Whitford, Matthew Whitford, Jennifer Whitford, Ernest Whitford and Hannah Risser; and one great-grandson.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Patricia Risser in 1998; a granddaughter, Jessica Pankop in 1986; and a sister, Roberta "Bobby" Hile.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church maintenance fund.

Thursday, January 29, 2004

Francis Ernst

KENDALLVILLE — Kendallville businessman Francis Albert "Frank" Ernst, 72, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, following a long illness.

Mr. Ernst had worked as a meat cutter, a milk delivery man and business owner. He and his wife had operated the Dog and Suds restaurant in Coldwater, Mich., and the Dairy Treat. They entered the shoe business in 1980 and operated shoe stores in Coldwater, Auburn and Kendallville. They currently operate the Taylor Shoe Store on South Main Street in Kendallville.

Mr. Ernst

They had moved to Kendallville from Coldwater in 1993.

Mr. Ernst was a graduate of St. John's High School in Delphos, Ohio, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was active in the Catholic church.

He enjoyed bowling, playing card games, square dancing, playing bingo and spending time with his family.

He was born May 11, 1931, in Landeck, Ohio, to Henry and Johanna (Baumgarte) Ernst.

On Feb. 27, 1954, in Coldwater, he married Dorothy Jean Chatfield. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Susan Ernst of Adrian, Mich., Francis "Skip" and Karen Ernst of Jackson, Mich., and Richard and Debra Ernst of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and John Roberts of Tekonsha, Mich., and Mary and Corwyn Kuipers of Kentwood, Mich.; two brothers, Jerome Ernst of Van Wert, Ohio, and Carl Ernst of Illinois; three sisters, Colletta Dray and Eileen Wilcox, both of Delphos, Ohio, and Annabelle Saum of Fort Jennings, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1998; and five brothers, Albert, Eugene, Paul, Sylvester and Arthur.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Coldwater with the Rev. Brian Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2:30-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Friday, January 30, 2004

LAGRANGE — **Doris L. Mobley**, 71, of LaGrange died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

STURGIS, Mich. — **Ella Joan Miller**, 63, of Sturgis died at 2:37 p.m. Thursday at her home. Services at 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Calling from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sturgis Evangelical Church in Sturgis.

Roger Minnix

AUBURN — Roger D. Minnix, 49, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

A native of Bucyrus, Ohio, he was a 1972 graduate of Eastside High School in Butler.

Surviving are a son, Cameron Minnix of Angola; three daughters, Lindsay Minnix of Hamilton, Ariel Minnix of Butler and Jubal Minnix of Ohio; his mother, Hazel Hicks of Auburn; three brothers, James Minnix of Fremont, Roy Minnix of Huntertown and Robert Minnix of Auburn; and a sister, Linda Kees of Auburn.

Preceding him in death were his father, Joe Minnix; one brother, Raymond Minnix; and a sister, Mary Smith.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. in the Serenity House barn on C.R. 50 south of Auburn. The Rev. Thad Smith will officiate.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to grokman@internetonly.net.

Jacob Coble

AUBURN — Jacob Andrew Coble was stillborn Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at 1:32 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Kyle A. and Arianne (Vondreau) Coble of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents Patricia and Gary Powell of Churubusco and Glenn and Sharon Vondreau of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents Dan and Marlene Coble of Angola; and great-grandparents Ruth Ryan of Churubusco, Charles and Marvel Powell of Fort Wayne and Max and Mabel Coble of Wabash.

Private family services will be held Monday in the chapel at Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Robert A. Bruckner, pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, will officiate.

There will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Sunday, February 1, 2004

Herschel Huss

FREMONT — Herschel L. Huss, 86, of Fremont, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

He was born to Jay B. and Nancy Adeline "Addie" (Smith) Huss on June 29, 1917, in Fremont.

He married Ruth Irene Adams. She preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 1987.

Mr. Huss was a retired mechanic at McNaughton's International Harvestor Implement Dealership in Fremont. He was also a farmer and a mechanic for the Indiana Toll Road. For many years, he was a sexton and caretaker of Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Mr. Huss

Mr. Huss, a devoted father and grandfather, was also an inventor. He invented the hay elevator and had articles published in Popular Mechanics Custom Farming Magazine. Along with his brother, Clarence, Mr. Huss had one of the county's first hay balers.

He was a 1936 Fremont High School graduate. He enjoyed the Fremont coffee shops and Skelton's Citgo Gas Station. He also repaired lawn mowers for the widows, or "widders" as he called them, of his community.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Bill Noyes of Fremont, Barbara and Daniel Hanna of Union City, Mich., and Robin Hissey of Mishawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jean Huss of Fremont and David and Randi Huss of Coldwater, Mich.; thirteen grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Wava Oberst; a brother, Clarence Huss and one daughter, Jean Marie Huss.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Robert Shellman

ALBION — Robert E. Shellman, 76, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Shellman was born in Gibson City, Ill., to Harvey and Lela (Mehrer) Shellman on Oct. 2, 1927.

He moved to the area in 1937, later working as a farmer and for Kraft Foods in Kendallville. He retired from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne in 1990, after 24 years.

He married Elizabeth Elser on March 16, 1957, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She survives.

Mr. Shellman, a World War II Navy veteran, was a member of the Albion Lodge 97 F&AM, and served twice as Master of the Lodge. He was also a member of Prentiss Chapter 178 OES, Scottish Rite, Albion American Legion Post 246, National Rifle Association and Pheasants Forever.

He loved to hunt and fish, and he loved his kids and grandkids.

Also surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Alan and Judy Shellman of Manteca, Calif., Michael and Terresa Shellman of Albion and Mark E. and Beth Shellman, also of Albion; a daughter, Sue Ann Klopfenstein and her special friend Mike Streeser, of Auburn; three sisters, Lovella A. Ford and Marilyn Brumbaugh both of Albion and Natalie Leitch of Lafayette, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Jeremiah Klopfenstein; Jessica Balyeat; Brock, Brett, Bryce, Zachary, Dillon and Boone R. Shellman; and one great-grandson, Mason Matthew Balyeat.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Genevieve Leitch.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Albion Temple Association.

Robert Sible

CHURUBUSCO — Robert W. Sible, 88, of rural Churubusco was found dead Friday afternoon, Jan. 30, 2004, at his residence in Eel River Township. His death was unexpected.

Mr. Sible was born on Nov. 4, 1915, in Eel River Township to Pearl and Venora (Hollopeter) Sible. He spent his formative years in the township, graduating form Huntertown High School in 1933. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1937, Mr. Sible earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College, later receiving his master's degree from Indiana University in 1942.

Mr. Sible

He was married to Elsie M. Bacon on June 17, 1951, in New Haven. The couple lived on a farm southeast of Churubusco in Allen County.

Mr. Sible taught at Huntertown High School, the Washington Center School and retired from Harlan Elementary School in 1970. His teaching career spanned 35 years.

He was also a farmer in Eel River Township.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Leroy Schaefer of Fort Wayne; a son, David L. Sible of Albion; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, on June 20, 1994, and a sister, Myrtle Marschand in 2003.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Churubucso United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

Calling will be at Sheets & Childs Funeral home on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Michael Harvey

AUBURN — Michael L. Harvey, 43, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

He was born to Ralph Harvey and Jackline (Bradley) Cox of Waterloo on Aug. 27, 1960.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979, working later for Hillsdale Tool of Hamilton. He was an avid photographer.

He is survived by his mother; his ex-wife, Dawn Harvey of Auburn; a son, Landen Harvey of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Nicole Rogers of Auburn; a sister, Connie Jones of Auburn; a nephew, Thomas Jackson II of Auburn and a niece, Kaleigh Stairhime of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Diane Evans.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, February 2, 2004

Pauline Elkins

AUBURN — Pauline Elkins, 83, of Auburn and formerly of Hudson, died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at 9:05 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Grace Hilton

QUINCY, Mich. — Grace Edna Hilton, 83, of Algansee Township, Mich., died Sunday Feb. 1, 2004, at the McGuire Skilled Nursing Facility in Hillsdale, Mich.

A 1939 graduate of Pigeon High School, Mrs. Hilton was an active farm wife and worked in various area general stores. She also had been employed at Crotty Corp. and belonged to the United Methodist Church, Stokes Chapel.

She was born Jan. 2, 1921, in Pigeon, Mich., to Oscar and Anna (Dressler) Pfaff.

On March 24, 1941, she married Herbert Hilton. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and William Mason of Lansing, Mich., and JoAnn and Eric Gilchrest of Quincy, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Judy Hilton of Coldwater, Mich.; a son, Charles Zenith Hilton of Quincy, Mich.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, one sister and one son, Wayne Hilton.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home, 111 E. Chicago Road, Quincy, Mich. The Rev. Diane Stone will officiate.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont at a later date.

Calling will be today 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Stokes Chapel or the McGuire Skilled Nursing Facility Care of Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Edward VanGessel

KENDALLVILLE — Edward R. VanGessel, 82, of Kendallville died at 1:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. VanGessel had retired as an electrical tester for General Electric in Fort Wayne and had owned Culligan of DeKalb County. He had moved to the area in 1942 from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. VanGessel

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. VanGessel was born March 4, 1921, in Grand Rapids to Anthony and Frances (VanLyn) VanGessel.

On Nov. 25, 1944, in Kendallville, he married Agnes Kreienbrink. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christina and Mike VanGessel-Buescher of Fort Wayne and Gretchen VanGessel of Hope, Mich.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Craig and Linda VanGessel and Kevin and Nancy VanGessel, all of Kendallville, Terence and Pat VanGessel of LaOtto, Dave VanGessel of Angola and Jeffrey and Monte VanGessel of Avilla; two sisters, Eunice Mitus of Connecticut and Frances "Sis" Brayman of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Robert VanGessel and Tom VanGessel, both of Grand Rapids; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Gerald VanGessel.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School Endowment Fund.

Pauline Elkins

AUBURN — Pauline E. Elkins, 85, of Auburn, died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she had resided 1 1/2 years.

Mrs. Elkins

Mrs. Elkins had lived in Ashley and Hudson and retired in 1978 from Starcraft.

She was on the board of directors of the Region III Council on Aging and a member of the Widow's Club in Auburn and an RSVP volunteer.

Mrs. Elkins was born June 26, 1918, in Steuben County to Frank and Lottie (Winkleblack) Lieberenz.

On March 1, 1937, in Auburn, she married James Elkins. He died July 18, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and daughters in-law, Walter and Thelma Elkins of Helmer and Danny and Diana Elkins of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Emma and Robert Wells of Corunna, Janet and Raymond Kulpinski of Bronson, Mich., and Janice and Frank Kessler of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Schwenk officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

John Jablonski

VALPARAISO — John Paul "Jabo" Jablonski, 65, of Valparaiso died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Jablonski was a foreman for Midwest Steel for 33 years. He served in the Navy from 1959 to 1961. He enjoyed playing marbles and was a former marbles state champion.

He was born Aug. 1, 1938, in Gary to Joseph and Anne (Grennis) Jablonski.

On Oct. 21, 1978, in Valparaiso, he married Jeanne Drake Hooks. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Aimee Jablonski of Chesterton, Larry and Denise Hooks II of Corunna and Joseph and Kelly Hooks of Kouts; six grandchildren, J.J., Lily and Miles Jablonski and Alexis, Grace and Alyssa Hooks.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bartholomew Funeral Home, 102 Monroe St., Valparaiso. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

Ronald Miller

SPENCERVILLE — Ronald L. Miller, 74, died Monday morning, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home in Spencerville.

Mr. Miller retired from the whey department at County Line Cheese after 30 years of service and as a custodian at Air-Way in Waterloo. He was an avid fisherman and served as a member of the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department for 37 years.

He was born March 23, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Vess and Katie (Holtzworth) Miller. They preceded him in death.

He married Betty Ann Akey on Oct. 29, 1949, in Spencerville. She died on May 5, 1999.

Surviving are a son, Ronald L. Miller Jr. of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sandra J. and Kevin Williamson of Antwerp, Ohio, Christine J. Miller and Mike West of Spencerville, Delores L. and Rick Hartman of Hicksville, Ohio, and Kathlyne A. Hernandez of Jupiter, Fla.; two sisters, Pauline Howard of Fort Wayne and Martha Smith of Lakeland, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Irene LaTourette, Lorraine Monroe-Martin and Helen Führman, and a brother, Paul Miller.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Jack Teeple officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home, with a IVFW service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 45, Spencerville, IN 46788, or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Harry Farrer

FORT WAYNE — Harry H. Farrer, 76, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004.

He retired in 1993 after 29 years as minister of the Newville Church of Christ. He preached for 45 years in churches in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana.

Mr. Farrer

Since retirement, he had served as an elder at Christ's Church at Georgetown and continued to be actively involved in a variety of ways of ministering to others.

He was born Sept. 12, 1927, in Berlamont, Mich.

He married Della Whisman on Sept. 2, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert S. and Rebecca Farrer of Fort Wayne and Daniel L. Farrer of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan E. and John Jones of El Centro, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Richard and Edward.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Christ's Church at Georgetown, 3131 Maplecrest Road. Senior Minister Bob Hudson will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

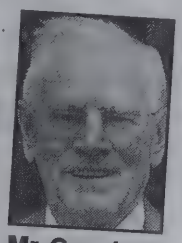
Memorials are to Johnson Bible College, 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN 37998.

D.O McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Walter Grueder

ROCKWALL, Texas — Walter Carl Grueder, 85, of Rockwall, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004.

He was born April 15, 1918, in Gary to Carl and Esther (Mitchell) Grueder.



Mr. Grueder

Mr. Grueder worked as a chief train dispatcher for the B&O/C&O Railroad (CSX) for over 40 years. Many of those years were in Garrett and in Akron, Ohio.

He will be remembered as a good Christian gentleman, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Mary Grueder of Ipswich, Mass.; a brother, George Grueder of New Baltimore, Mich.; three grandchildren: Matthew Grueder, Michele Grueder and Douglas Grueder Jr.; and two great-grandchildren, Alex Grueder and Cheyenne Grueder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Delores Grueder; and a son, David Grueder.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Helen Muntzinger

BUTLER — Helen A. (Cupp) Muntzinger, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Born in Scott, Ohio, she was a homemaker and enjoyed painting pictures, cooking and sewing.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Wayne Reed of Auburn and Sara Jane and Gary Nodine of Cape Coral, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Beth Muntzinger of Hamilton and Tom and Melinda Muntzinger of Ohio City, Ohio; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary, and her husband, Paul E., in 1998.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the League for the Blind in Fort Wayne and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to The Evening Star.*

Roger Minnix

AUBURN — Roger D. Minnix, 49, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

A native of Bucyrus, Ohio, he was a 1972 graduate of Eastside High School in Butler.

Surviving are two sons, Cameron Minnix of Angola and Jubal Minnix of Ohio; two daughters, Lindsay Minnix of Hamilton and Ariel Minnix of Butler; his mother, Hazel Minnix of Auburn; three brothers, James Minnix of Fremont, Roy Minnix of Huntertown and Robert Minnix of Auburn; and a sister, Linda Kees of Auburn.

Preceding him in death were his father, Joe Minnix; one brother, Raymond Minnix; and a sister, Mary Smith.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Serenity House barn on C.R. 50 south of Auburn. The Rev. Thad Smith will officiate.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to grokman@internetonly.net.

Darlene Kiser

HAMILTON — Darlene E. Kiser, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home in Hamilton.

Mrs. Kiser worked as a deli cook and retired from Dana Corp. in Angola in 1997. She then worked at S&S Stores while living in Florida. After moving back to Indiana, she worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 14, 1936, in Auburn to Willard E. and Helene (Drake) Robbins. They preceded her in death.

She married Howard E. Kiser on Oct. 20, 1973, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Michael Kelley and Edwin Eugene Kelley, both of Lake City, Fla.; two daughters, Debra Kelley of Saranac, Mich., and Sheila Burton of Crestline, Ohio; two brothers, Larry Robbins of Crestline, Ohio, and Willard E. Robbins Jr. of Riverside, Calif.; one sister, Rita Taylor of Johnson City, Tenn.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Kelley, and a daughter, Carla Lord.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jacqueline Crone

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Jacqueline "Sue" Cather Crone, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green.

Mrs. Crone was a homemaker and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She graduated from Butler High School and attended Bowling Green State University.

She was loved by her family and loved them deeply in return. They will miss her greatly.

She was born Sept. 4, 1931, in Huntingburg, Ind., to James and Margaret (Finke) Cather. They preceded her in death.

She married William F. Crone on Dec. 10, 1951, in Butler. He survives in Bowling Green.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Patricia Crone of Malaga, N.J., and Bradley and Lisa Crone of Westerville, Ohio; three daughters and their mates, Rebecca Rupert of Bloomington, Susan Rupert and Bill Rode of Westminster, Colo., and Amy and Sam Reed of Pickerington, Ohio; and seven grandchildren, Ryan Rupert, Matthew Crone, Tricia Crone, William Reed, Michael Rupert, Thomas Reed and Samuel Reed.

A brother, Duane Cather, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Public Library.

Sheila Marks

KENDALLVILLE — Sheila Marks, 75, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker and had worked at Kraft Foods. She loved animals, especially her dog, Zayla, and her cat, Boru.

Mrs. Marks

She was a 40-year member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, where she taught CCD classes and was one of the first women to become a minister of the Eucharist in the parish.

Mrs. Marks and her husband, Kenneth, had lived in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for 12 years in the town of Mohawk.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Gillingham, Kent, England, the daughter of John and Ellen (Law) O'Hara.

On May 23, 1946, in Woodgreen, London, England, she married Kenneth William Marks. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and son-in-law, Juanita Kaye and Ken Smolinske of Kendallville and Patricia Faye Loos and her companion, Gary Pullis of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick O'Hara and Karen Marks of Calhoun, Ga.; a brother, John O'Hara of London; a sister, Alice Barradell of Kent; three granddaughters, Brianne Loos of Kendallville and twins Caitlin and Catherine Hipskind of Auburn; three grandsons, Seth Smolinske of Kendallville, Thad Smolinske of Austrailia and Stan Loos III of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Brian O'Hara, and two sisters, Eileen Boatwright and Patricia McWilliams.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with family friend Father Leo Moenkedick officiating. Her ashes will be scattered in Lake Superior at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Parkview Noble Hospice, Amnesty International or the Lakoa Indian Reservations in North Dakota.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Barbara Galligher

FORT WAYNE — Barbara J. Galligher, 50, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a typesetter with Renaissance Publishing Co. in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Don W. III of Fort Wayne; her mother, Barbara Mosshammer of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra McCloud of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Robert Mosshammer Jr. of Huntertown, James Mosshammer of Springfield, Ohio, and David Mosshammer of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert, in 2001.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Forrest DeWitt

AUBURN — Forrest C. DeWitt, 55, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at 10:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A lifetime Auburn resident, Mr. DeWitt was a foundry worker at Ball Brass and Aluminum in Auburn for 36 years and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Feb. 10, 1948, in Auburn to Charles and Ellen L. (Rowe) DeWitt. They preceded him in death.

He married Cynthia J. Nodine on Aug. 26, 1972, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dane DeWitt of Auburn; three daughters, Leandra DeWitt of Auburn, Denissa Geeting of Butler and Anitra DeWitt; a brother, Joseph DeWitt of Garrett; four sisters, Mary Ellen Huff of Angola and Shirley McCosh, Helen Renfrow and Lois Renfrow, all of Auburn; and four granddaughters, Cheyenne C. Petre of Ashley, Synndel C. DeWitt and Allyssia J. DeWitt, both of Auburn, and Abbey R. Geeting of Butler; and two grandsons, Dyllian T. Fender and Thackery C. DeWitt, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Carl DeWitt, and a sister, Hazel DeWitt.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Saturday, February 7, 2004

Daylan Harter

GARRETT — Daylan Dale-Lane Harter, 3 months old, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at his home in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 14, 2003, in Auburn.

Surviving are his mother, Kassy Harter of Garrett; a brother, David Thomas Lyn Harter, at home; a sister, Davannah Amerikus Rai Harter, at home; grandparents Becky DeLong of Garrett, Thomas Harter of Tennessee and Jodi and Ivan Jacobs of Garrett; great-grandparents Jane Mudrack of Garrett, Warren DeLong of Angola and William and Margaret Griggs of Auburn; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, great aunts and great uncles.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Donald and Roseanna Harter, Herb Maurer and James Mudrack, great-great-grandparents, James and Ethel Harter and Edna Addis, and a great aunt, Johanna Harter.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ronald Stambaugh and deacon Hershel Rollins will officiate. Burial will be in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kassy Harter, in care of Feller Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

C. Robert Helmer

KENDALLVILLE — C. Robert "Bob" Helmer, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at the Good Shepherd Hospice/Grace Health in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Helmer was born in Kendallville on May 7, 1919, to Cyrus and Elizabeth (Baughman) Helmer.

Mr. Helmer

He married Mary Donley on Aug. 2, 1941, in Washington, D.C. She survives in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Helmer served in the U.S. Army's 30th Engineer Topographic Battalion in North Africa and the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After the war, Mr. Helmer pursued studies in engineering and cartography at George Washington University and in management at Montgomery College. He continued to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a cartographer, while he and Mary reared their two daughters.

In 1974, the Helmers moved to Kendallville, where Mr. Helmer joined the staff of Faith United Methodist Church as a parish visitor. He served as parish visitor for five years. During that time he developed a love of wood, art and low-relief sculpture and turned it into a second career.

Mr. Helmer's self-taught skills earned him numerous awards and much admiration wherever he showed his work.

In 1991, the Helmers moved to Lakeland, Fla., where Mr. Helmer's woodcarving and award winning continued.

In 2003, Mr. Helmer began a year-long battle against cancer. Throughout his treatment, he displayed great courage and dignity and was greatly admired by his doctors and nurses. He died peacefully in hospice.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Mary Titus of Swathmore, Pa., and Kay Spears of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Pontius of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Heather Spears of Lakeland, Fla.; and a great-grandson, David Houser of Lakeland, Fla.

Burial was private. The family plans a memorial service in Kendallville in early spring for family and friends.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or the Good Shepherd Hospice of Auburndale, Fla.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneral-home.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Clifford Crothers

AVILLA — Clifford F. Crothers, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 1 p.m. at his residence in Avilla after a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral home, Avilla Chapel.

Sunday, February 8, 2004

Quentin Miller

LIGONIER — Quentin B. Miller, 85, of Ligonier died at 4:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 2, 1918, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simpson) Miller.

He married M. Pauline Hitchell on July 29, 1945, in Ligonier. She preceded him in death on March 12, 1991.

Mr. Miller graduated from Ligonier High School, later serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was retired from his work as a foreman at Essex Wire.

Mr. Miller attended the Church of Christ, was a member of the AARP, the West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Elks Lodge 451. He enjoyed golf and sports on television.

He is survived by one brother, C.J. Miller of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eloise Arnold of Butler, Katherine Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara Woods of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Miller, and three sisters, DeVonna Medsker, Marilyn Wright and Margaret Poyser.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Oak Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Soulliere officiating. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Legion.

Lela Stanner

LAGRANGE — Lela Leona (Hart) Stanner, 89, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 24, 1914, in LaGrange to Bert and Dora (Large) Hart.

She married Wilbur Stanner of Howe on Jan. 14, 1930, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Mrs. Stanner was a member of the Audubon Society and LaGrange Doll Club and served on the board of directors of the LaGrange County Historical Society.

She was an avid antique collector and a genealogist for not only her family, but others, whom she enjoyed helping. She loved to write poetry and wrote many poems to her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Jane Myers of Broomall, Pa., Bonnie Walker of Sturgis, Mich. and JoAnn and Sam Wickey of Shipshewana; one son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy Stanner of Elkhart; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Leland Hart, four other brothers, Orlo, Harlo, Larry and Lloyd Hart, and one sister, Marie Marks.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be at the funeral home two hours prior to the service.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Historical Society.

Herbert Duesler

LIGONIER — Herbert S. Duesler, 86, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 5 a.m. at his residence.

He was born May 18, 1917, at Diamond Lake in Noble County to Fred S. and Louisa K. (Growcock) Duesler.

He married Carolyn L. Schlemmer on Oct. 1, 1938, in Kimmell.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he worked as a self-employed electrician, contracting with REMC to help electrify Noble County. He wired the first house in rural Noble County in 1937.

Mr. Duesler was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

He was a member of the Sparta Church of Christ and West Noble American Legion Post 243. He crafted miniature furniture and was a member of Miniature Club in Elkhart County. He volunteered at the Ligonier Visitors Center and Radio Museum and enjoyed square dancing for many years with the 56 Square Dance Club.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan W. and Barbara Duesler of Wakarusa; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and George Campbell of Goshen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Velma K. Mahnesmith of Elkhart and Helen R. and Roy Lohrei of Ligonier; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Art and Bob Duesler.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Lynn Bartling of Sparta Church of Christ officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Memorials are to Salvation Army or Alzheimer's Association.

Monday, February 9, 2004

Robert Litton

ANDERSON — Robert "Bob" E. Litton, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie following an extended illness.

A native of Albion, he was an electrician with Delco Remy Division of General Motors, retiring in 1994 after 38 years employment.

Mr. Litton was a member of UAW Local 662 and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, in which he was a prisoner of war and received the Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Julie K. (Taylor) Litton; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Goldie Litton of Auburn, Billy and Bobbie Litton and Shirl and Sandy Litton, all of Fort Wayne, and Gene and Nancy Litton of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Roy E. and Eleanor (Budd) Litton.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Robert D. Loose Funeral Home and Crematory South Chapel, Anderson, with the Rev. Eric Fox officiating. Burial with military rites will be at East Maplewood Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lois Murphy

AUBURN — Lois L. (Hoover) Murphy, 73, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Born in Waynedale, she worked at Airway Manufacturing in Waterloo and was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of Auburn; two daughters, Rosemary-Lisa Mabee of Fort Wayne and Betty Miller of Butler; two sons, George Garman of Hicksville, Ohio, and Randy Garman of Spencerville; two brothers, Wayne Hoover of Pleasant Lake and Donnie Hoover of Spencerville; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

James Blevins

AUBURN — James W. Blevins, 66, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blevins worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1981. He also was a bartender at Cricket's Tavern in Auburn for more than two years, retiring in 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He was born March 6, 1937, in Elwood to George and Marjorie (Davis) Blevins. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Auburn.

On Dec. 23, 1956, he married Loretta Schwartz in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bradley J. and Rhonda Blevins of Waterloo and Barry G. and Kristin Blevins of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elizabeth D. and Donald Winsley of Auburn, Amanda S. and Timothy Haynes of Auburn and Melissa J. Heffelfinger of Corunna; three brothers, Richard E. Blevins of Sacramento, Calif., Jerry A. Blevins of Auburn, Calif., and Jacob D. Blevins of Auburn; a sister, Barbara E. Phillips of Auburn; 13 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, one great-grandson and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ or the Loretta Blevins Medical Fund, in care of Peoples Federal Savings Bank.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Lucille Kelly

FORT WAYNE — Lucille V. Kelly, 90, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Jack Cunningham of Fort Wayne and Barbara and Duane Mason Sr. of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Grace Kelly of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Naomi Adkison of Avilla and Joan Murphy of Arizona; a brother, Larry Detweiler of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Glenn B. Kelly in 1979; a grandson, Darren Lee Mason; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about relatives.*

Lois Murphy

AUBURN — Lois L. (Hoover) Murphy, 73, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Born in Waynedale, she worked at Air-Way Manufacturing in Waterloo and was a member of Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of Auburn; two daughters, Rosemary-Lisa Mabee of Fort Wayne and Betty Miller of Butler; two sons, George Garman of Hicksville, Ohio, and Randy Garman of Spencerville; two brothers, Wayne Hoover of Pleasant Lake and Donnie Hoover of Spencerville; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Kenneth Garman and Steve Garman, and a brother, Paul Hoover.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Souls Harbor Assembly of God.

Betty Mills

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. (Brown) Mills, 78, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

An electronics inspector for ITT, she retired in 1985. She was a member of the Leo chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Peverly of Fort Wayne; three sons, Richard A. Brown and Gary Brown, both of Fort Wayne, and Ronald Brown of Eau Claire, Wis.; a sister, Alice Randol of Ashley; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, James P. Brown in 1984; and second husband, Deloy D. Mills in 2003.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

David Tussey

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — David L. Tussey, 54, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Tussey was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed reading, history and music.

He was born in Garrett, Ky., to Iseral and Naomi (Sexton) Tussey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Marlene Ressler Tussey of Lebanon, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Cari and Brock Daub of Lebanon; and two brothers, Ivan Tussey of Kendallville and Bill Tussey of Hueysville, Ky.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Miller Funeral Home, 130 N. Market St., Elizabethtown, Pa.

Calling will be from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service Thursday.

Garr Worth

TUCSON, Ariz. — Garr El (Cliller) Worth, 46, died Feb. 4, 2004, in Tucson, Ariz.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Carol Stultz

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Carol Lou Stultz, 71, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, in Buckeye, Ariz., where she had been living with her daughter.

Mrs. Stultz was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 30, 1933, in Steuben County to Carlton and Jeanette Aldrich.

On Aug. 11, 1951, she married Carlos Ray Stultz. He survives in Buckeye.

Also surviving are a daughter, Charlene Miron of Buckeye; two sons, Kevin of Hamilton and Dennis of Weems, Va.; three sisters, Mina Palmer of Auburn, Ann Kline of Auburn and Lois of Butler; three brothers, Amos Lynn of Hamilton, Bruce of Hamilton and Wayne of Angola; a granddaughter, Laurie White of Higganum, Conn.; and a grandson, Jarrett Hulbert of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Lavina Knostman

WATERLOO — Lavina Knostman, 98, died Feb. 9, 2004, at her granddaughter's house in Avilla.

She raised three sons and one daughter and anyone else who needed something to eat or a place to sleep.

Mrs. Knostman

Her son, Roger Lewis of Battle Creek, Mich., and daughter, Ivadell Dirrim of Waterloo, survive.

Two sons, Lenny Lewis and Dick Lewis, preceded her in death.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild.

Vinny, or Grandma, as she was known, was a very giving person.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be directed to Pythian Sisters, Hamilton.

Betty DeLong

BUTLER — Betty DeLong, 69, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

She was employed at Pittsfield Products for 32 years.

She was born April 8, 1934, in Butler to Eber and Clara (Healy) Oberlin. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Gerald DeLong Jr. of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Galen Bowker of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Harry Oberlin of Goshen and Robert Oberlin of Butler; four sisters, Alma Ball, Martha Curcio and Annabelle Hullinger, all of Butler, and Mary Short of Okeechobee, Fla.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bruce "Dinger" DeLong, two brothers, Howard and Roscoe Oberlin, a sister, Elnor Moughler, and three grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery east of Butler.

Calling is Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Garr Worth

AUBURN — Garr El (Culler) Worth, 46, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, in Tucson, Ariz.

He was born June 21, 1957, in Fort Wayne. His father, Lowell L. Worth, preceded him in death. His mother, Betty (Wyne) Culler, survives in Ellenton, Fla.

Also surviving are five sisters, Sherri Billman of Spencerville, Kathy Weber of Fort Wayne, Tina Sterlin of Auburn, Laurie Culler of Auburn and Pam Carper of New Haven; a brother, Lowell Worth Jr. of Fort Wayne; a grandfather, Gordon Wyne of Ellenton, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A brother, Harl Worth, preceded him in death.

There will be no services.

Calling will be Friday from 6-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Clarence Ballman

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Lee Ballman, 63, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born in Jackson County, he retired from Rosewater Inc. in 2001 after 20 years of service. He enjoyed going to the park and listening to music.

Survivors include a brother, Howard Smith of Bloomington; and an aunt, Lorraine Martin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

A memorial service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jean Ann Rhodes

HARTFORD CITY — Jean Ann Rhodes, 63, of rural Hartford City, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at 4:30 a.m. in Clarian-Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness.

A resident of Blackford County since 1954, she was a 1959 graduate of Roll High School and had attended Ball State University.

Mrs. Rhodes had worked as a secretary for Blackford High School for 21 years. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Altar-Rosary Society of the church and Tri Kappa Sorority and had been a Cub Scout den mother. An avid Cincinnati Reds fan, she had been a Blackford Bruin Baseball Mom.

She was born Jan. 19, 1941, in Elwood to Bernard and Genevieve (Ross) Fettig.

She married Merrill Rhodes on May 4, 1963, in Hartford City and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Tina Rhodes of Corunna and Marty and Kelli Rhodes of Indianapolis; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bernard Ross and Mary Ann Fettig of Sandborn, Brian and Sue Fettig of Burleson, Texas, and Ted and Muriel Fettig of Hartford City; and seven grandchildren, Payton, Meredith, Dustin, Olivia, Sian, Brian and Easton Rhodes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

A Christian wake service will begin at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Jean Ann Rhodes Baseball Scholarship Fund, in care of Blackford High School, 2392 N. S.R. 3, Hartford City, IN 47348.

Edith Bounds

MARION — Edith Denise Clay-Wingo Bounds, 67, of Marion, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

She had moved from Indianapolis to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1989 to live with her son, George Bounds, and family.

She was born Aug. 22, 1934, in Marion, where she attended high school and later married and became a homemaker. She enjoyed music and singing.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Gwen and Doug Jackson of Indianapolis, Penny Hayes of Indianapolis and Cynthia Bounds of Sacramento, Calif.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Rodney and Angie Bounds of Indianapolis, George and Brenda Bounds of Rockford, Ill., Randy and Nita Bounds of Los Angeles and Bradley Bounds of Aurora, Colo.; three stepdaughters and their spouses, Linda and Edward Topinka of Cedar Rapids, Ruby and Bill Roswell of Peoria, Ill., and Valerie Stookey of Minneapolis; 11 grandchildren who live in Iowa, Indiana, Oklahoma and California; nine great-grandchildren; her mother, Aimme N. Stewert; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carolyn and Freddie Jones of Marion and Reva Stewert of Lithonina, Ga.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Buddy and Wanda Stewert of Indianapolis and Richard and Robin Stewert of Washington, D.C.; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her biological father, Leonard Wingo, and her stepfather, Edgar Stewert; two older brothers, Tucker Stewert and Major Wingo; and two grandchildren, Michael "Tony" Bounds and Rodney.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Turner East Funeral Home & Crematory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Elder Richard Reed will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, near her grandson, Michael "Tony" Bounds, who died in 1977.

Calling is Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lewis McCartney

GARRETT — Lewis A. "Louie" McCartney, 76, of Garrett died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at 9:47 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mr. McCartney had resided in Garrett for four years. He worked at B.F. Goodrich, where he weighed rubber, for 10 years before retiring in the early 1980s. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Waynedale to Harry and Esther (Rehm) McCartney. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Alice Mae Springer on July 14, 1952. She also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Mark and Sheryl McCartney, also of Avilla, and Lewis "Andy" McCartney Jr. and Becky McCartney of Conway, Ark; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Doyle Marten of Fremont, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Newville and Sharon McCartney of Arizona; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Helen Vincent

BUTLER — Helen E. Vincent, 75, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in New Harmony, she was a meat cutter at Uncle Charles.

She is survived by two daughters, Connie Simpson of Garrett and Martha Wallis of Evansville; a son, Marvin Jones of Garrett; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin "Everett" Vincent, a sister and four brothers.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna. There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Donna Sutton

ANGOLA — Donna L. Sutton, 75, of Angola and formerly of Pleasant Lake, died at 12:50 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Miss Sutton

She was a hairdresser and worked at Angola Wire.

She was born May 16, 1928, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Garold F. and Beulah (Wolburry) Sutton.

Surviving are two brothers, Dean Sutton of Hamilton and Jack Sutton of Edon, Ohio; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and two brothers, Raymond and Hollis Sutton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with Pastor Clint T. Livingston of the Assembly of God Church of Angola officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family

Sunday, February 15, 2004

Neil Dunkelberger

ANGOLA — Neil E. Dunkelberger, 81, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

He was an aeronautical engineer and owned Universal Parts Co. in Chicago for 19 years and Bendex Missile Corp. in Mishawaka. He was an Army veteran of World War II and also a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and the Orland American Legion Post 243.

He was born in Spring City, Pa., on Sept. 14, 1922, to Lester and Maude (Gotshall) Dunkelberger.

He married Roberta J. Smathers on March 21, 1943. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1985.

He then married Dorothy Smathers on Oct. 6, 1985. She survives.

Survivors also include a daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Steven Pierson of Wheaton, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suzanne Dunkelberger of South Bend; three stepsons and their spouses, Dale and Sylvia Smathers of Hudson, Lynn and Deb Smathers of Hudson, and Philip and Belinda Smathers of Kinderhook, Mich; a brother, Bill and Lara Dunkleberger of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling is at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson on Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Tri-State University or Suzanne B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Condolences can be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

John Williams

ALBION — John Williams, 92, of Williams Lake, near Albion, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center following a short stay there.

Mr. Williams came to America with his parents when he was 2 years old. He was a truck driver all of his working years and was employed with Gateway Transportation in Kendallville before retiring in 1974.

He was born in Northumberland, England, on May 14, 1911, to William and Emma (Nicholson) Williams.

He married Bonnie Eileen Gusin on Oct. 27, 1973, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Surviving are a three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jack and Jane Williams of Phoenix, Richard Williams of Montezuma, Ind., and Gary and Cathy Williams of Orland; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vivian Sarkisian of Phoenix and Carol and Dave Walters of Bloomington; three stepsons and their spouses, Steve and Trina Kline of Albion, Mike and Emma Kline of Brimfield and Raymond "Sonny" and Joyce Kline of Brimfield; and three stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kathy Kline of Avilla, Roxie Sands of Orlando, Fla., and Paula and Brad Fox of Rome City; a sister, Mary Ann Brockelman of Lebanon, Mo.; 15 grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Clark; sisters, May Foncannon, Ethel Kepers, Jane Kenny, Emma June Williams and Edna Williams; and brothers, Jim, Charles, Lloyd Williams and William Williams Jr.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney from the Rome City United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. until the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Harry Whetzel

KENDALLVILLE — Harry Joseph Whetzel, 89, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Whetzel lived most of his life in Wolcottville and the last six years in Kendallville. He was an avid card player and loved to fish. He was a farmer.

He was born Jan. 25, 1915, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Samuel and Bertha (Good) Whetzel.

He married Bernadine Bailey in July 1933 in Albion. She preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 1993.

He then married Alice Cook on Aug. 1, 2003. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rosemary and Glenn Baker of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and LaDonna Whetzel, Richard and Janice Whetzel, and Rex Whetzel, all of Wolcottville; four stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Edward Wisel of Fort Wayne, Ernest and Lori Cook of Fort Wayne, Steven Cook of Howe, and Shawn and Judy Cook of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren, 6 stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 stepgreat-grandchild, and a sister, Amy Barker of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Whetzel, and a sister, Ruth Whetzel.

There will be no visitation. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Arrangements were made by the Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Randy Paxson

HAMILTON — Randy J. Paxson, 45, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

He was a brick mason for over 20 years. He was a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He lived in Hamilton for eight years after moving from Angola.

He was born in Bluffton on July 10, 1958, to Wayne and Sandra (Shaffer) Paxson.

They survive.

Surviving are a daughter, Holly Paxson of Bowling Green, Ohio; two sons, Danny Paxson of Columbus, Ohio, and Amy Paxson of Paulding, Ohio; his companion, Deb Morin of Hamilton; two brothers, Chris and Mike Paxson, both of LaGrange; three sisters, Shari Moriarty of Angola, Deb Paxson and Lisa Allphin, both of Fort Wayne; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Jane Ream officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com

Angeline Riehm

KENDALLVILLE — Angeline "Angie" Bower Riehm, 89, of Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

She was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a graduate of Indiana University and was a realtor and school teacher. She served on the East Noble School board and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, Indiana Association of Realtors and Kendallville Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Riehm

She was born Oct. 31, 1914, to Dr. Arthur James and Minnie (Aichele) Bower in Kendallville.

She married Robert B. Riehm on Oct. 5, 1940, in Kendallville. He survives.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Barbara and Robert Riehm Jr. of Vancouver, Wash., James and Dixie Riehm of Raleigh, N.C., Thomas and Paula Riehm of New Haven, and Richard and Marcia Riehm of Atlanta; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is in the Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis IN 46219.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to include additional information.*

Lewis McCartney

GARRETT — Lewis A. "Louie" McCartney, 76, of Garrett, died at 9:47 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

A resident of Garrett for four years, he retired from B.F. Goodrich in the early 1980s. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. McCartney was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Waynedale to Harry and Esther (Rehm) McCartney. On July 14, 1952, he married Alice Mae Springer.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Mark and Sheryl McCartney of Avilla, and Lewis "Andy" and Becky McCartney Jr. of Conway, Ark.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Doyle Marten of Fremont, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Newville and Sharon McCartney of Arizona; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be at the new Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial is in the Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the Thomas Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Diana Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Diana Carter, 83, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at her residence in Kendallville.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938 as salutatorian of her class. Along with her husband, she owned and operated Carter's Small Business and Tax Service in Kendallville from 1947 until 2003. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and belonged to the Canasta Card Club.

Mrs. Carter

She was born in South Milford on Aug. 23, 1920, to Oliver and Madge (Milbourn) Fish.

She married Robert E. Carter on Sept. 3, 1943, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Catherine Carter of South Hadley, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Sikorski of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Catie and Jerimie Bartley of Xenia, Ohio; a great-granddaughter, Emma Bartley of Xenia; three nieces, Jan McKee, Jaci Gordon and Joellen Wells; and six nephews, David Carter, Colin Carter, Jeffrey Fish, Anthony Fish, Christopher Fish and Daniel Fish.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Oliver Dean Fish.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Stan Kessler from First Presbyterian Church.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to clarify the location of the cemetery.*

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Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services were at 11 a.m. today in Thomas Funeral Home 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Terry Gullett

KENDALLVILLE — Terry B. Gullett, 51, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Gullett

Mr. Gullett had been employed with Dalton Foundry in Kendallville as a supervisor. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born Aug. 3, 1952, in Portsmouth, Ohio, to Hershell and Savilla (Eullett) Gullett.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Amanda and Steve McDonald of Kendallville and Jennifer Gullett of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph and Michelle Gullett of Kendallville and Adam Gullett of Kendallville; three brothers, Hershell Gullett of Blue Creek, Ohio, his twin, Gary Gullett of Green Springs, Ohio, and Larry Gullett of Minford, Ohio; a sister, Mary Angela "Angie" Mitchell of Bear Creek, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Irwin and Ray Irwin, and a sister, Nancy Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Donald Yates officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patrick Martin

COLUMBIA CITY — Patrick Earl Martin, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

Mr. Martin worked as a truck driver with Dana Corp. for 30 years.

He was born March 17, 1940, at Belmore, Ohio, to Harold and Alice (LaRue) Martin.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeffrey and Debbie Smith of Grabill; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick M. and Rachel Martin of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Anthony Smith; two brothers, Don Martin of Pandora, Ohio, and Gary Martin of Maine; four sisters, Marilyn Bender of Bowling Green, Ohio, Sandra Kool of Harwick, Mass., Shirley Kananen of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Brenda Nelson of Inverness, Fla.

One brother, James Martin, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan, Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate.

Bernard Didion

HUDSON — Bernard P. Didion, 73, of Hudson died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his McClish Lake home.

Mr. Didion had worked as a grocery store clerk, at Eagle-Picher Plastics and for 28 years for Meadow Gold Dairy. He also had worked at The Plant Center.

He moved to McClish Lake permanently from Fort Wayne in 1988.

Mr. Didion was a Korean War veteran and a life member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, a member of Orland American Legion Post 423 and a life member of Knights of Columbus Council 1790.

He was born May 20, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Martin J. and Teresa (Kemper) Didion.

On Sept. 17, 1955, in Fort Wayne, he married Patricia Duehmig. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimberly and Mike Chamness of Fort Wayne, Karen and Ed Bowers of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen McCormick of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Denise Didion of Dallas, Kenneth and Barbara Didion of Fort Wayne and Keith Didion of West Lafayette; two sisters, Regina Mahan of Angola and Gertrude Didion of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church near Hudson with the Rev. Phil Ley officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Additional calling is Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church or the American Diabetes Association.

William Ochstein

FORT WAYNE — William "Papa" Ochstein, 88, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Ochstein was the former owner of Auburn Junk & Paper Co. in Auburn and was a lifelong member of B'Nai Jacob Synagogue in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 29, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Hamin and Bessie Ochtstein.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Mical and Herb Rynearson of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Norman and Fran Ochstein of Indianapolis and Barry Ochstein of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Rosie Rosenberg of San Diego, Calif., and Dorie Klapper of Palm Springs, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Abraham Ochstein.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Jewish Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, B'Nai Jacob Synagogue or Hooverwood Indianapolis Jewish Home.

Kathryn Taylor

FORT WAYNE — Kathryn J. (Helbert) Taylor, 74, a native of DeKalb County, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked in the office at International Harvester for 16 years, retiring in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane E. Callahan of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Glenn W. Helbert of Garrett and Ronald "Gay" Helbert of Fresno, Calif.; grandchildren Pete and Jessica Callahan of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Elijah O'Connell.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clifford D. Taylor, and three brothers, Barron, Bert Jr. and Robert Helbert.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the National Kidney Foundation.

Mildred Opdycke

AUBURN — Mildred Opdycke, 88, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Opdycke worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne during World War II. She also worked at the Auburn Bakery, Bomar in Fort Wayne and The Northway Inn in Auburn.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Ashley Eastern Star, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Skirts and Shirts Dancing Club. She played bingo on Thursday nights.

She was born Jan. 18, 1916, in Whitley County to Charles and Dessie (Lahr) Sheets. They preceded her in death.

On March 10, 1944, she married Oliver Opdycke in South Bend. Mr. Opdycke was a World War II veteran. He died Aug. 6, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Eldon Pruitt of Waterloo; a sister, Ethel Heafn of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Denese Sexton of Texas, Robert Williford of Auburn, Lisa Hopkins of Fort Wayne, Richard Yowell of Garrett, Ryan Pruitt of Waterloo and Misty Pruitt of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Oscar and Carl Sheets, also preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Hospital or St. Jude's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ruth Meeks

FORT WAYNE — Ruth E. Fair Meeks, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at her son's residence in Leo.

A native of Nebraska, she was retired from teaching in Fort Wayne Community Schools. She was a member of the Aboite Missionary Church.

Surviving are a son, Steven Fair of Leo; a daughter, Luana Schone of Spencerville; two stepsons, Kenneth Meeks of Toronto and Harold Meeks of Lawson, Mo.; three brothers, Paul Brenneman of Elkhart, Wayne Brenneman of Mishawka and Stan Brenneman of Berne; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Otis A. Fair, in 1968; and second husband, John Henry Herbert Meeks, in 1993.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m., with calling one hour prior to the service, at the Aboite Missionary Church, 7222 W. Jefferson Blvd. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park at Fort Wayne.

Additional calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Bethel College, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or World Partner of the Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Joseph Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Gordon Williams, 54, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home at Witmer Lake.

Mr. Williams

He had lived in Sturgis, Mich., from 1971-1989, in Kendallville from 1989-1999, and at Witmer Lake since then. He was an electrical estimator for more than 30 years and had been employed at J.O. Mory the past 15 years.

Mr. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War as a door gunner. He enjoyed fixing things, camping, fishing, traveling, NASCAR racing and his dogs, Bandit and Cosmo. He had served as a Scoutmaster and Rocket football coach.

He was born Oct. 5, 1949, in Kendallville to Joseph Norton and Isabel (Miller) Williams. His father is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Isabel and H. Dean Luke, survive in Ashley.

On Aug. 22, 1970, in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., he married Joanne "Jody" Nowak. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Heather Williams of Kendallville; a daughter, Jennifer L. Williams of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Rick Crummit of Waterloo; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and Judy Nowak, address unknown, and Sonny and Eve Rinehart of Mongo; a half-sister and her husband, Wanda Lou and Johnny Clark of Richmond, Va.; a stepsister and her husband, Cosy and Jerry Watchke of Haversack, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Hall of White Pigeon, Mich.; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military graveside service by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Friday. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or to the family.

Thursday, February 19, 2004

Genevieve Herber

FORT WAYNE — Genevieve Marie Herber, 96, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Herber was a loving wife and devoted mother who lived her life in service of others. She was a member of the Rosary Sodality and St. Joseph Catholic Church Hessen Cassel.

She was born Jan. 8, 1908, in Ashley.

Surviving are four sons, Jerome and Jim Herber, both of Fort Wayne, Lawrence Herber of Alto-Loma, Calif., and Fr. John Herber C.P.P.S of Carthagena, Ohio; nine daughters, Phyllis Forbing and Maxine Scheiber, both of Columbia City, Carolyn Boyle and Barbara Smith, both of Fort Wayne, Mary Armstrong of Goshen, Helene Jacquay of Auburn, Joanne Nesler of Tucson, Ariz., Rosemary Stout of Huntertown and Jane Eisberg of Green Valley, Ariz.; 79 grandchildren, 180 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip J. Herber; a daughter, Anna Marie Cappelli; a son, Joseph Herber; her twin sister, Catherine Minick; and her sister, Oliva Minnick.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church Hessen Cassel, 11337 S. U.S. Hwy. 27, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, and 30 minutes before services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Allen County Right to Life or Masses.

Clifford Lane

FORT WAYNE — Clifford Lane, 61, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home.

Born in Buchanan, W.Va., he retired in 1998 from General Electric Co. after 32 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of First Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Yolanda of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Clifford A. and Colleen and Jayson B. and Jessica, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Veronica J. Stoots of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Keith of Pennsylvania, Timothy James of Huntertown and Larry of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Roberta Hensinger and Peggy Osmun, both of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Feed The Children.

Samuel Payton

KENDALLVILLE — Samuel E. Payton, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Payton

Mr. Payton had retired as a machinist from Dana Corp.'s clutch division in Auburn and was a member of the True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville.

He was born May 16, 1925, in Mitchell to W.C. and Florence (Terry) Payton.

He first married Betty Gamble. She died in 1992.

On Jan. 26, 1993, in Albion, he married Gracie (Ously) Terry. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jessie Hiles of Avilla; four stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Jackie and Judy Terry, Shannon and Phyllis Terry and Bill Edward and Sharon Terry, all of Kendallville, and Sheridan and Carman Terry of Ligonier; four brothers, Ralph and Janice Payton of Corunna, Claude and Phyllis Payton and Richard and Evelyn Payton, all of Auburn, and Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; two sisters, Betty Hissong and Virginia Buttermore, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Katie Payton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Danielle Payton of Avilla; a grandson, Samuel Payton of Avilla; 10 stepgrandchildren, seven stepgreat-grandchildren, and two nephews and a niece that he raised, Charles Gamble of Detroit, Mich., Ed Gamble of Houston, Texas, and Carolyn High of Helmer.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Paul Payton, Robert Payton and Arthur Payton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the True Church of God in Jesus Name. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Sampson

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy E. Sampson, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Sampson was a homemaker and member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union.

She was an avid NASCAR racing and Indiana University fan and spent many hours working on crafts.

She was born April 20, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Edgar J. and Bertha (Nicholson) Summers.

Her husband of 58 years, Clarence R. Sampson, died in March 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Don Caywood of Auburn and Elaine and Robert Norris of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Curtis R. and Theresa Sampson of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Olive Sampson of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a granddaughter, Ashley.

Services will be at noon Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, with the Rev. Barry St. Clair officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Mae Warstler

PLEASANT LAKE — Mae Warstler, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Windsor Manor Health Care in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Warstler worked in the kitchen at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for 14 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake.

She was born July 4, 1914, in Robin City, Mich., to John and Edith (Duncan) Hesley. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 14, 1934, she married Walter G. Warstler. He died July 13, 1997.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Janie Warstler of Rosenberg, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Merritt Shipe of Southport; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Russell Warstler, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Golden Lake.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Margaret Stomberg

ST. JOE — Margaret M. Stomberg, 78, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stomberg was a dispatcher for General Telephone for 10 years and also worked at Wolf & Dessauer for 10 years.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and the American Sewing Guild and a past president of DeKalb County Extension Homemakers and the St. Joe Literary Club.

She was born April 7, 1925, in Huntington to Emmanuel and Florence (Bennett) Hiers. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Virgil H. Stomberg on Feb. 7, 1944, in Covington, Ky. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Arla and Paul Sechler of St. Joe, Kristine and Mike Bates of Fort Wayne and Nita and Tom Thieme of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Brian Sechler of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Kim Dixon of Chicago, Angie Sechler of St. Paul, Minn., and Tracey Sheppard of Fort Wayne; three great-grandsons, Alexander, Luke and Aidan Sheppard; and a brother, Jerry Hiers of St. Louis, Mo.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard, Glen and Harold Hiers, and four sisters, Mildred Kiefer, Marjorie Studebaker, Mary Ellen Dirr and Maxine Studebaker.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville. Pastor Paul Row will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Sue Ann Rowe

BUTLER — Sue Ann Rowe, 71, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at 2:35 p.m. at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Rowe was employed at Bohn Aluminum/Citation for 27 years.

Mrs. Rowe

She was born Oct. 27, 1932, in Dock, Ky., to Jennings and Emma (Stephens) Coyer. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn she married Orpha "Bud" Rowe. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a son, Jennings Rowe of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis of Butler; a brother, John Coyer of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sharon Frost of Garrett, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, Billie Jo and Ed Tuttle of Garrett and Pat and Terry Van Gessel of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Craig Davis, Tara Davis, Jennings Rowe Jr., Jennifer Rowe and Justin Rowe; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Burley and Kayli Ley.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Max Coyer and Wes Coyer, and two sisters, Mary Fugate and Imogene Coyer.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mesothelioma Cancer Fund or DeKalb Hospice.

Irvan Raymond

AUBURN — Irvan George Raymond, 69, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Raymond worked in construction and owned and operated Raymond Enterprise for 40 years.

He was a member of the Catholic Church in Phoenix, Ariz., and American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 20, 1934, in Omania, Minn., to Allen G. and Marie E. (Danduran) Raymond. They preceded him in death.

He married Scarlet Michael in 1989 in Phoenix, Ariz. She died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cathy Raymond of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julian "Julie" Combs of Auburn, Michelle and Bill Massey of Waterloo and Lisa and Steve Woods of Garrett; a sister, Shirley Thomas of Bridgeville, Del.; his first wife, Louise Todd of Auburn; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Delroy D. Raymond.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St. Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gary McPheeters

AUBURN — Gary N. McPheeters, 46, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his home in Auburn after a 14-month battle with cancer.

Mr. McPheeters was a lifelong resident of DeKalb County. He devoted much of his life to serving as a firefighter, first as a volunteer with the Garrett Fire Department, then as a full-time firefighter with the Auburn Fire Department from 1976 to 2002.

He was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn and a member of Union Local 2454 IAFF. He was an avid Komet hockey fan and worked part-time as a Realtor for Indiana Real Estate in Auburn.

He enjoyed spending time at home with his dog, Shadow, and his cat, Sox.

He was born Dec. 15, 1957, in Garrett to James "Gary" and Gloria J. (Mossberger) McPheeters. They survive in Garrett.

On May 9, 1997, in Auburn he married Coleen K. VanZile. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Matthew R. Malott of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Chuck B. and Kelly McPheeters of Freetown; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jamie L. and Tim Griffin of Garrett and Jenney L. and Jared Newby of Huntertown.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating.

Calling is Saturday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 2-3 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Gary McPheeters Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of DeKalb Financial Credit Union, P.O. Box 390, Auburn, IN 46706.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Gordon Dwight

FORT WAYNE — Gordon L. Dwight, 77, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

He retired from Parkview Hospital as a HVAC engineer and he was a 20-year U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are two sons, Tracy T. Dwight of Elkhart and David Dwight of Spencerville; two stepsons, Preston and Raymond Fries, both of Fort Wayne; a half-sister, Rebecca Sharp of Columbia City; three half-brothers, William Dwight of Wolcottville, Jerry Nahrwold and Dale Strebig, both of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Bonnie, and one sister, Dorothy Millikan.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Highland Park Cemetery Chapel of Chimes, 2403 East Wallen Road, with naval military honors.

There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wanda Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Wanda E. Gordon, 89, of Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was involved in a traffic accident Monday and had been hospitalized since Wednesday.

Mrs. Gordon was an ordained minister in both the Universal Spiritual Association and the Coptic Organization. She was a pastor at the Temple of Love and Life in Fort Wayne. She was also a certified massage therapist and enjoyed writing poetry and arts and crafts. She graduated from Huntertown High School.

She was born April 15, 1914, in Continental, Ohio, the daughter of Ira H. and Bessie (Van Atta) Strite.

On Aug. 27, 1931, she married Herbert V. Gordon. He died Nov. 30, 1992.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard J. Gordon of Grand Junction, Iowa, Edwin L. and Vickie Gordon of Huntertown, and Scott and Pamela Gordon of Churubusco; a brother, Harlan I. Strite of Kendallville; two sisters, Susan E. Bosselman of Fort Wayne and Mona J. Teegardin of Auburn; and many grandchildren great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Franklin Gordon; a brother, Oro J. Strite; a granddaughter, Zania Gordon; and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Lee Gordon.

Services will be Saturday at 6 p.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Renee Haugh officiating.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Friday, February 20, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Joseph Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Gordon Williams, 54, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home at Witmer Lake.

Mr. Williams

He had lived in Sturgis, Mich., from 1971-1989, in Kendallville from 1989-1999, and at Witmer Lake since then. He was an electrical estimator for more than 30 years and had been employed at J.O. Mory the past 15 years.

Mr. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War as a door gunner. He enjoyed fixing things, camping, fishing, traveling, NASCAR racing and his dogs, Bandit and Cosmo. He had served as a Scoutmaster and Rocket football coach.

He was born Oct. 5, 1949, in Kendallville to Joseph Norton and Isabel (Miller) Williams. His father is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Isabel and H. Dean Luke, survive in Ashley.

On Aug. 22, 1970, in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., he married Joanne "Jody" Nowak. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Heather Williams of Kendallville; a daughter, Jennifer L. Williams of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Rick Crummit of Waterloo; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and Judy Nowak, address unknown, and Sonny and Eve Rinehart of Mongo; a half-sister and her husband, Wanda Lou and Johnny Clark of Richmond, Va.; a stepsister and her husband, Cosy and Jerry Watchke of Haversack, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Hall of White Pigeon, Mich.; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery with a military graveside service by the Rome City post of the American Legion.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or to the family.

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Margaret Stomberg

ST. JOE — Margaret M. Stomberg, 78, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stomberg was a dispatcher for General Telephone for 10 years and also worked at Wolf & Dessauer for 10 years.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the St. Joe Literary Club and the American Sewing Guild and was a past president of DeKalb County Extension Homemakers.

She was born April 7, 1925, in Huntington to Emmanuel and Florence (Bennett) Hiers. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Virgil H. Stomberg on Feb. 7, 1944, in Covington, Ky. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Arla and Paul Sechler of St. Joe, Kristine and Mike Bates of Fort Wayne and Nita and Tom Thieme of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Brian Sechler of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Kim Dixon of Chicago, Angie Sechler of St. Paul, Minn., and Tracey Sheppard of Fort Wayne; three great-grandsons, Alexander, Luke and Aidan Sheppard; and a brother, Jerry Hiers of St. Louis, Mo.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Rodney Gerardot; three brothers, Richard, Glen and Harold Hiers, and four sisters, Mildred Kiefer, Marjorie Studebaker, Mary Ellen Derr and Maxine Studebaker.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville. Pastor Paul Row will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Beverly Shank

AVILLA — Beverly "Bev" A. Shank, 70, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at 8:20 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifelong resident of the Avilla area, Mrs. Shank was a homemaker and a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville. She was an avid genealogist and loved sewing, crafts, music and her children and grandchildren.

She was born July 31, 1933, at the Uhl family farm on Baseline Road near Avilla to Lawrence and Lelia (Schmuck) Uhl. They preceded her in death.

On May 1, 1952, she married Samuel "Sam" Shank at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Shank of Avilla and Pat and Donna Shank of Groten, Conn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Darcy and Marty Taylor of Sandpoint, Idaho; six grandchildren, Luke, Neale, Naomi, Samuel and Kimberly Shank and Emily Taylor; a great-grandchild, Maynard Lyon; one sister-in-law, Marcille Uhl of Avilla; and one brother-in-law, F. Dean Jackson of Florida.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Uhl, and a sister, D'Maris Jackson.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday 2-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Homes Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., and 30 minutes prior to the services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the donor's choice.

Dalles King

ALBION — Dalles King, 79, of Albion died at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a welder and mechanic. He had been self-employed for 21 years and had worked 17 years for the Farm Bureau Co-op and 13 years for McClure Implement.

Mr. King was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was in the first LST to invade Omaha Beach in Normandy. He received a Purple Heart for the English Channel engagement.

He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was born June 23, 1924, in Green Township, Noble County, to Carl A. and Lottie May (Budd) King. On Nov. 1, 1947, in Albion, he married Claudine Baker. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Jim Knafel of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sandra King of Albion and Gary King and his companion, Lon Braun, of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Shirley King of Avilla, Lowell and Hazel King of Auburn, and Harold and Delores King of Bonita Springs, Fla.; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Hilda Linskey of Coldwater, Mich., Edith Maddex of Grabill, Delores and Perry of San Antonio, Texas, Irene Roy of Demotte, Ardith and Ronnie Keister of Wolcottville, Diane and Matt Mattews of Fort Wayne and Nancy Blaskie of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Esther King of Monroe, Mich.; grandchildren, Terry Knafel, Brenda Jarrell, Brian Knafel, Kevin Knafel, Nicole Smith, Augusta and Adam Bennett, Burt and Angela King and Justin King; stepgrandchildren, Rob and Cheryl Koher, Jeff and Josie Koher and Steven Koher; nine great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Devota Bolen; and a brother, Eldon King.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Albion First Responders or the Noble County EMS.

Franklin Quinn

ANGOLA — Franklin C. Quinn, 87, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at his home on Lake Gage.

Mr. Quinn was an engineer for the B&O Railroad for 37 years, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett Masonic Lodge 537. He loved music and played many instruments, including the piano. At one time, he had his own band.

He was born June 24, 1916, in Garrett to Charles L. and Sylvia V. (Putt) Quinn.

He married Goldie Lewis on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailles, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Judge Charles Quinn.

Private family services will be conducted Monday at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett Railroad Museum.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Sandra Pearson

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra E. Pearson, 61, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

On May 12, 1942, in Caretta, W. Va., she was born to Lewis and Alice (Sizemore) Walker. She married Luther Pearson on July 5, 1958, in Lebonen, Va. He survives.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Amanda Pearson, of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Helen Walker of Columbus, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Robert Billings of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Derek, Chelsey and Seth Pearson.

In addition to her parents, three brothers, William, Raymond and Lewis Pearson, and two sisters, Theda Billings and Betty Crigger, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, P.O. Box 817, Kendallville IN 46755.

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Frederick Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Frederick F. Butler, 94, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his Terrace Hills residence, Kendallville.

In Jefferson Township, Noble County, on March 7, 1909, he was born to Blanchard and Katherine (Strater) Butler. On Dec. 15, 1931, in LaGrange, he married Helen "Patty" Alice Davis. She preceded him in death on May 10, 1992.

He was a farmer and in the agricultural business all his life. He raised livestock and grew popcorn. Later he developed and built what is now Meadow Lanes and Terrace Hills residential communities.

Mr. Butler was a member of First Christian Church and the Farm Bureau, both in Kendallville.

Surviving are a great niece and her husband, Denise Turner Ranly and David Ranly, of Kendallville; a nephew and his wife, Steven Overton, M.D. and Jan Overton, M.D. of San Francisco, Calif., and a sister, Arcille Overton of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with pallbearers Eric Wolf, Dr. John Shank, D.D.S., John Westergaard, Keith Ranly, Pastor Bob Farmer and Pastor Tom Clothier.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Franklin Quinn

ANGOLA — Franklin C. Quinn, 87, of Angola, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at his Lake Gage residence.

In Garrett on June 24, 1916, he was born to Charles L. and Sylvia V. (Putt) Quinn. He married Goldie Lewis on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailes, Ky. She survives.

He was an engineer for the B & O Railroad for 37 years and retired in 1973.

Mr. Quinn was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett and the Garrett Masonic Lodge No. 537. He loved music, and played the piano and many instruments. He had his own band at one time.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a son, Judge Charles Quinn, preceded him in death.

Private family services will be held with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett Railroad Museum, Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Mourey

LAGRANGE — Richard L. Mourey, 68, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, in Sebring, Fla.

In Fort Wayne on Dec. 19, 1935, he was born to Leonard and Eva (Dodane) Mourey. He married Rita Robinson who preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1993.

He retired from Dana Corp. as an electrician after 31 years.

Mr. Mourey was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of AMVETS, Orland American Legion Post 423, and the American Legion and Eagles Club, both in Sebring.

Surviving are: a son, Gerald L. Mourey, of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Jeanne M. Blake and Beth A. Pearson, both of Churubusco and Debbie Gradeless of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two brothers, Edwin (Red) Mourey, of Fort Wayne, and Jim Mourey, of Tampa, Fla.; four sisters, Ruth Ann Coonrad, Blanch Schaefer and Maxine Rorick, all of Fort Wayne, and Pauline Klinker, of Payne, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Calling will be 90 minutes prior to services. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities.

Russell Camp

BUTLER — Russell J. Camp, 88, of Butler, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at his residence.

In Edon, Ohio, on Nov. 23, 1915, he was born to Clarence and Rozella (Hug) Camp. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Butler, he married Evelyn E. Campbell. She survives in Butler.

He was a farmer and served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 15, 1942, to Dec. 1, 1945. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four sisters, Frances Mason, of Butler, Dorothy Mavis and Eileen Ward, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mabel Osborn of Antwerp, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Dorothy Mavis and Majorie Vondran, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion United Methodist Church, Butler, with burial in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Violet Wallace

AUBURN — Violet Hazel Wallace, 87, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

On March 22, 1916, in Auburn she was born to David E. and Flossie E. (Hanes) Dilgard. She married Ernest L. Wallace on Aug. 4, 1934. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1974.

She was a bookkeeper and secretary for the Union Township Assessor's office in the DeKalb County Courthouse for 20 years, and retired in 1986.

Mrs. Wallace was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and the Norris Chapel Missionary Society in Auburn, and a former member of the Progressive Literary Club and the Spinning Spools Quilting Guild.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack L. and Nancy Wallace, Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy (Bowman) and Bill Walters, Auburn, and Linda and Joe Dunn, Waterloo; a half-sister, Helen Ann Collins of Sandusky, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Zella Warstler, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Douglas H. Barbe officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

Yolanda Dietrich

AUBURN — Yolanda E. Dietrich, 80, of rural Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at 1:50 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dietrich was a homemaker and had lived in Waterloo until moving to Auburn 14 years ago.

She was born May 11, 1923, in Garrett to Frank and Thelma Muzzillo.

Her husband, Clarence R. Dietrich Sr., preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Rinehold of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Denise Jack and Kimberly Dietrich, both of Auburn; Reginna Halbert of Kendallville and Kamala Dietrich of Sellersburg; two grandsons, Chad Gingrich of Auburn and Tracy Dietrich of Emporia, Va.; two sisters, Barbara Miller of Winton, Calif., and Dorothy Peterson of Auburn; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence Richard "Dick" Dietrich Jr. and Steven R. Dietrich; two brothers, James Muzzillo and Lee Muzzillo; and two sisters, Wreath Jones and Hilda Dietrich.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Russell Camp

BUTLER — Russell J. Camp, 88, of Butler, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at 7 a.m. in his residence.

Mr. Camp was a farmer. He served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 15, 1942, to Dec. 1, 1945. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Edon, Ohio, to Clarence and Rozella (Hug) Camp.

On Aug. 30, 1947, in Butler, he married Evelyn E. Campbell. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four sisters, Frances Mason of Butler, Dorothy Mavis and Eileen Word, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mabel Osborn of Antwerp, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Mary Alice Olds and Majorie Vondran, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church, Butler, with burial in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Larry Baumgartner

HAMILTON — Larry Baumgartner, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Baumgartner worked as a bricklayer for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He drove tour buses until 1999. He did glass engraving as a hobby and loved all sports, especially enjoying golfing, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Baumgartner

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and Leo Masonic Lodge.

He was born April 6, 1936, in Bluffton to Raymond and Alva (Carter) Baumgartner. They preceded him in death.

He married Pearl Bailey on March 23, 1984, in Waco, Texas. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and her husband, Sondra and Kevin Heath of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Vic and Jan Baumgartner of Midland, Mich., and David Baumgartner of Midland; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ellen and Dale Riddle of Hamilton; a stepson and his wife, Garry and Pam Carper of New Haven; two brothers, Harold Baumgartner of Westminster, Md., and Allen Baumgartner of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Avis Hulvey of Ossian and Carol Ann Harness of Hendersonville, N.C.; three grandchildren, Nicholas Freise of Auburn and Micah Baumgartner and Megan Baumgartner, both of Midland; and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Kyle Freise.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott will officiate.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.com.

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILLE — Matthias "Matt" Kretler, 69, of Kendallville died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Kretler was a tool and die maker and one of the original partners of X-Y Tool and Die in LaOtto and remained with the company from 1971 to 1991.

He had lived in Noble County since 1968 and in Fort Wayne from 1952 to 1968. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a 50-year member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club.

Mr. Kretler

Mr. Kretler played and coached soccer for several years. He also enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his family and time in the woods.

He was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Klenak, Yugoslavia, to Josef and Anna (Zeitler) Kretler. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1952.

On April 11, 1959, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Rose Marie "Rosie" Erndl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Janet Kretler, John and Cindy Kretler and Richard Kretler, all of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jon Spaw of Kendallville and Tina and Mark Ball of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline Kretler of DeBarry, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren, Tiffany, Heather, Jakob, Kayla, Jessica, Ashley and Andrew Kretler, Braden Ball, and Samantha, Erica and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Kretler, on Sept. 27, 1979, a grandson, John Michael Kretler II, and a brother, Johann Kretler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Memorials are to Sport Club Youth Soccer Programs, 3120 Ardmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, and to the East Noble High School scholarship for a student who plans to study tool and die.

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Larry Baumgartner

HAMILTON — Larry Baumgartner, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Baumgartner worked as a bricklayer for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He drove tour buses until 1999. He did glass engraving as a hobby and loved all sports, especially enjoying golfing, hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and Leo Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Baumgartner

He was born April 6, 1936, in Bluffton to Raymond and Alva (Carter) Baumgartner. They preceded him in death.

He married Pearl Bailey on March 23, 1984, in Waco, Texas. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and her husband, Sondra and Kevin Heath of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Vic and Jan Baumgartner of Midland, Mich., and David Baumgartner of Chicago; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ellen and Dale Riddle of Hamilton; a stepson and his wife, Garry and Pam Carper of New Haven; two brothers, Harold Baumgartner of Westminster, Md., and Allen Baumgartner of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Avis Hulvey of Ossian and Carol Ann Harness of Hendersonville, N.C.; three grandchildren, Nicholas Freise of Auburn and Micah Baumgartner and Megan Baumgartner, both of Midland, Mich.; and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Kyle Freise.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott will officiate.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

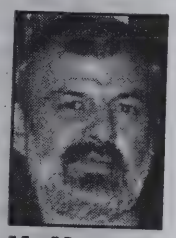
Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

David Meade

KENDALLVILLE — David "Doc" Meade, 51, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Meade had worked on oil rigs in Wyoming and had been a roofer until he became disabled.

He was born Jan. 19, 1953, in Weeksbury, Ky., to Astor and Ruby (Spriggs) Meade. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.



Mr. Meade

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Luke Meade of Auburn, Zack Meade of Avilla, David Meade of Kendallville, and Eric and Cory Meade of LaOtto; a daughter, Shelly Meade of Goshen; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Hugh Tuttle of LaGrange, JoAnn and David Goodman of LaGrange, and Lou Rena and Eugene Shepherd of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Dawson Meade of LaOtto, Riley Meade of LaOtto and Carly Meade of Ohio.

He also was preceded in death by three brothers, Bud, Dick and an infant, and an infant sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

David Groff

BUTLER — David LeRoy Groff, 48, of Butler died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Groff graduated from Eastside High School in 1974. He was employed by Edgerton Metal Products until the plant closed. He then was a manager for Superior Equipment in Auburn until it closed. He currently worked with the family business, D&M Rentals.

He previously played keyboards with the band Onyx. He and the group had toured with the Edgar Winter Band and also opened for the Joe Walsh Southern Tour in 1984.

He was born Oct. 19, 1955, in Auburn to Maurice Lee Groff and Ruth Lucille (Albertson) Groff. His parents survive in Butler.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Robert Large of Waterloo; one son, Keith Groff of Auburn; and one brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Linda Groff of Hodges, S.C.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Independent Full Gospel Church at Ashley. Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Independent Full Gospel Church at Ashley.

Krill Funeral Service of Edgerton, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to grofffamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Ferman Basse

ELKHART — Ferman H. Basse, 70, of Elkhart, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Basse was a first-class chemical operator for Miles Laboratories for 40 years, retiring in 1995. He served in the National Guard.

He was a member of Tyrian Masonic Lodge 718 in Elkhart, serving as chaplain and ambassador to the Masonic Home of Indiana. He also was a member of South Bend Valley of the Scottish Rite and Calvary United Methodist Church in Elkhart.

He was a magician and loved to fish. He sang with a barbershop quartet, The Cavaliers, for several years and played and collected harmonicas.

He was born Oct. 29, 1933, in Auburn to Oscar and Violet (Pletcher) Basse.

He married Peggy Miller on May 30, 1952, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Basse of Elkhart and Terry and Susan Basse, also of Elkhart; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Jolinda and Paul Wood, Julie Hoss, Debra Shively and Peggy and Dallas Robbins, all of Elkhart; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Jocelyn Basse of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church of Elkhart. Pastor Clyde Trumbauer will officiate. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens at Osceola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. by Tyrian Lodge 718 of Elkhart.

Memorials are to the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation.

John Lash

AVILLA — John H. "Johnny" Lash, 77, of Avilla died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Lash was a farmer and had retired in 1987 after 36 years with the B&O Railroad.

He was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was active with its bingo games and its Labor Day Festival. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Lash enjoyed meeting his friends at the Country Kitchen and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He liked working in his yard and telling jokes and stories.

He was born April 22, 1926, in Avilla to Herman and Mary A. (Lemper) Lash.

He married Dorothy A. Hoeffle in Garrett on Sept. 10, 1949. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Dorothy Lash of Kendallville and David and Rachel Lash of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bob Herrli of Elkhart; six sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Evers of Goshen, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Joann Heizer of Butler, Mary Jean and Charles Ley of Avilla, and Ruth Marti of Mattoon, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Betty Lash of Avilla; and eight grandchildren, Mike, Jason, Colby, Nick, Tyler and Ryan Lash, and Justin and Megan Herrli; and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany Lash.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Lash, in 1956, and two brothers, Harold Lash and Albert Lash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Nessel

CORUNNA — Ruth W. Nessel, 82, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nessel worked at Yellow Springs Instrument Co. in Yellow Springs, Ohio, for several years and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Nessel

She was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Edgar and Wilmoth (Foraker) Workman.

She married Winford Allen Steeb Nessel in October 1949 in Kentland, Ind. He died Feb. 13, 1997.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven William and Sandy Nessel of Louisville, Ky.; five daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Dave Sass of Covington, Ky., Joanna Von Holten, Robin Ursala Nessel and Patt E. Aldrich, all of Corunna, and Marilyn Elizabeth Nessel of Yadunde, Cameroon, West Africa; three sisters, Lucille Walker and Myrl Wood, both of Burlington, Iowa, and Florence Tharp of Angleton, Texas; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Marie Smith, and one sister.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Jeff Murphy will officiate.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Bartlette

GARRETT — Richard L. Bartlette, 63, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at his home in Garrett.

Born in Walhalla, N.D., he worked as a press operator for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 27 years, retiring in 1999.

Mr. Bartlette

He was a U.S. Army veteran and enjoyed bowling and golf.

Surviving are his wife, Lois, of Garrett; his mother, Lillie Bartlette, of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Philip Ruelle of International Falls, Minn.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Jane Penland and Judy Ashelman, both of Fort Wayne, and Melody and David Crossgrove of Leo; a brother and sister-in-law, James "Jack" and Linda Bartlette of Fort Wayne; many nieces and nephews; three stepsons and one stepdaughter-in-law, Jeff Wilson, David Wilson and Scott and Lisa Wilson, all of Garrett; two grandchildren, Francine Ruelle and Philip Ruelle Jr., both of International Falls, Minn.; and a stepgrandchild, Joseph Wilson of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eli.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association of Indiana, P.O. Box 80829, Indianapolis IN 46280-0829, or Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Nina Kinworthy

GARRETT — Nina E. Partee Kinworthy, 87, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at 5 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She had worked at the Auburn Rubber Co., Stanscrew and Vice's Beauty Shop. She lived in Garrett most of her life, before moving to Brownsburg 10 years ago. She had lived in the Lake Gage area of Angola for one year.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

She was born April 30, 1916, in Mark Center, Ohio, to Fred R. and Gladys L. (Spindler) Durfey. They preceded her in death.

She married Estel L. Partee on March 3, 1934. He died Feb. 26, 1984.

She later married William Kinworthy in 1994. He died March 26, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene L. and Jack Wilcox of Angola; a granddaughter, Christine L. Wilcox of Manitou Springs, Colo.; two grandsons, Terry L. Wilcox of Auburn and Tim J. Wilcox of Angola; three great-grandsons, Robert Wilcox of Garrett, Curtis Wilcox of Angola and Andy Wilcox of Auburn; two great-granddaughters, Courtney Wilcox of Grand Junction, Colo., and Katie Wilcox of Auburn; two brothers, Glenn Durfey and Melvin Durfey, both of Toledo, Ohio; and a sister, Doris Butler of Holland, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Cremation and burial will take place Thursday at the Northern Indiana Crematory in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Leyoda Leavell

FORT WAYNE — Leyoda M. Thomas Leavell, 85, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and member of the Moose.

Surviving are her husband, John S. Leavell of Fort Wayne; daughters Karen Richey of Auburn and LaVone Neely of Yoder; one son, Richard Thomas of Findlay, Ohio; stepson Donald Leavell of Texas; stepdaughter Deborah Gaham of LaGrange; eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wilbur Thomas, in 1981, and a daughter, Marilyn Norviel, in 2002.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide calling hours and to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILLE — Matthias "Matt" Kretler, 69, of Kendallville died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Kretler

Mr. Kretler was a tool and die maker and one of the original partners of X-Y Tool and Die in LaOtto, remaining with the company from 1971 to 1991.

He had lived in Noble County since 1968 and in Fort Wayne from 1952 to 1968. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a 50-year member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club.

Mr. Kretler played and coached soccer for several years. He also enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his family and time in the woods.

He was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Klenak, Yugoslavia, to Josef and Anna (Zeitler) Kretler. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1952.

On April 11, 1959, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Rosemarie "Rosie" E. Erndl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Janet Kretler, John and Cindy Kretler and Richard Kretler, all of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jon Spaw of Kendallville and Tina and Mark Ball of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline Kretler of DeBarry, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren, Tiffany, Heather, Jakob, Kayla, Jessica, Ashley and Andrew Kretler, Brae Ball, and Samantha, Erica and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Kretler, on Sept. 27, 1979, a grandson, John Michael Kretler II, and a brother, Johann Kretler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to Sport Club Youth Soccer Programs, 3120 Ardmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, and to the East Noble High School scholarship for a student who plans to study tool and die.

Thursday, February 26, 2004

Philip 'Cork' Miller

HUNTERTOWN — Philip G. "Cork" Miller, 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at 6:48 a.m. in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller worked as a supervisor at Dana Corp. in Syracuse. He had lived in Huntertown for 15 years.

Mr. Miller

He was born Nov. 1, 1943, in Garrett to George A. Miller and Maryellen Refner. They preceded him in death.

He married Nancy L. Dinius on Aug. 27, 1994, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Tim Miller of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Barbara Campbell of Rome City and Sheri Rollins of Garrett.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be at the gravesite.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Betty Jean Hobby

NEW CASTLE — Betty Jean (Keith) Hobby, 76, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at her home, surrounded by her family. She had been in a lengthy, valiant battle with cancer.

Mrs. Hobby was a church organist and a teacher of piano.

She was born Feb. 5, 1928, in Champaign County, Ill., to Robert and Ethel (Sepp) Keith. She graduated from Fisher (Ill.) High School, where she participated in the band and choral programs.

She married Clark E. Hobby, who was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, on Aug. 6, 1949, in the American Lutheran Church at Rantoul, Ill.

She moved to Indiana with her family in January 1960. St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn was one of the churches where her husband, the Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby, served as a pastor.

Mrs. Hobby shared in her husband's ministry at Auburn and in churches at Indianapolis, Connersville, New Castle and Columbia City. She served as an organist, Sunday school teacher and vacation Bible school teacher and was an active participant in women's organization.

Surviving are her husband, in New Castle; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and James Perry of Connersville and Linda and Roger Huntley of New Castle; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Renee Hobby of Noblesville and Robert and Jennifer Hobby of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Steven and Florence Hobby of LaPorte, Jennifer and Jeff Giesting of Fishers, Christopher and Shannon Huntley of New Castle, James Hobby of Fishers, Curtis Huntley of New Castle, Amy and Glenn Arndt of Greenfield, Kevin and Michelle Hobby of Liberty and Hannah Hobby and Lydia Hobby, both of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandsons, Brad and Chad Salyer of Noblesville; and 10 great-grandchildren, Montana and Emma Hobby of LaPorte, Regan and Mitchel Giesting of Fishers, Jordan Huntley of Pekin, Bryce and Rylan Huntley of New Castle, Caroline and Adam Arndt of Greenfield and Haylee Perry of Liberty.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dale and Donald Keith, both of Fisher, Ill.

A Lutheran Service for Burial will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, 2000 Bundy Ave., New Castle, with pre-service music at 6:30 p.m. by choirs from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, participating. Bishop James Stuck and Bishop Emeritus Ralph Kempski will officiate, along with the Rev. Jeffrey Gramza.

A prayer service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 S. 14th St., New Castle, with burial to follow at South Mound Cemetery, New Castle.

Calling is Sunday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Memorials are to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by the Macer-Hall Funeral Home in New Castle.

Lois Jordan

KENDALLVILLE — Lois M. Jordan, 73, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

A former Avilla resident, she worked at Hippensteel Nursing Home, the DeKalb County Home and then as an aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital before retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

She was born March 27, 1930, in Waterloo to Cover C. and Mabel M. (Brown) Boyd. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James L. Jordan of Waterloo and Rodney A. and Ramonna Jordan of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda L. and Dennis Ferguson of Auburn, Patricia J. and Rodney Hutzell of Chantelli, Va., Kathleen A. and Tony Dunham of Dade City, Fla., and Pamela S. and Kenny Gordon of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Lennon.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn, with the Rev. Don Shankster officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Byron 'Barney' Johnson

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. — Byron T. "Barney" Johnson, 94, formerly of Auburn, died recently in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Born in Burbank, Ohio, on March 27, 1909, Mr. Johnson came to Auburn in 1960 and organized the Cooper Industrial Products plant. He was executive vice president and plant manager of Cooper Industrial Products until his retirement in 1974. He continued to make his home in Auburn until 1999.

Mr. Johnson joined Cooper in 1958 in Findlay, Ohio. In addition to the Auburn plant, he helped organize and open a second facility in El Dorado, Ark.

Under his leadership, the Auburn plant grew to 450 employees and sales increased from about $4 million in 1960 to $32.5 million in 1973.

Before joining Cooper, he was associated with B.F. Goodrich Tire Co. in Akron, Ohio, for 10 years and the Sun Rubber Co. in Barberton, Ohio, for 16 years.

Mr. Johnson was a past director of the Indiana Manufacturers Association and the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

While in Auburn, he served on the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board of directors and the YMCA Foundation's board of directors, and was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and Greenhurst Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Eiline Marshall-Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Eiline Irene Marshall-Temple, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford. She retired in 1995 from McCray Memorial Hospital after 29 years as a nurses aid. She also owned her own bake shop. Most recently she was an independent carrier for Fort Wayne Newspapers and received an award as Carrier of the Region.

Mrs. Marshall-Temple

She was born on June 16, 1928, in Huntertown to Emery and Lilly (Matthews) Kistler.

She first married Maurice G. Marshall in September 1946. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1983. She then married Russel E. Temple in April 1995, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1999.

She is survived by a son, Ron and Sandra Marshall of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, LuAnn Hart of Avilla and Sheila and Clarence Treesh of Kendallville; two stepsons and one daughter-in-law, Philip and Vickie Temple of Oahu, Hawaii and Russel Temple of Douglasville, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Wiles of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Sandy and Bonnie Temple of Auburn and Don Temple of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Gloria Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willis "Pete" Kistler; one stepson, Robert Temple; and a granddaughter, Kim Treesh Baisden.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chartwell in care of St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Annette Winebrenner

ALBION — Annette Winebrenner, 65, died at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at her home in Albion. She had been in failing health for the past 5 1/2 years.

Mrs. Winebrenner worked for several years as a deputy clerk and deputy treasurer at the Noble County Courthouse until she became ill. A lifelong resident of Noble County, she was a member of Albion First Presbyterian Church, the church choir and the Elizabeth Circle. She loved her family and friends and enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She was born Feb. 9, 1939, in Albion to James and Leah (Prickett) Edwards.

She married Russell A. Winebrenner on Oct. 6, 1957, in Michigan. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ryan Winebrenner of Kendallville, Kent and Trish Winebrenner of Tomball, Texas, and Paul Winebrenner of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Hinton of Tomball and Teresa and Chris Wilkinson of Friendswood, Texas; and six grandchildren, Parker Winebrenner, Brandon Winebrenner, Derek Wilkinson, Evan Wilkinson, Joshua Wilkinson and Christan Wilkinson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Albion First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Stanley R. Wilson and the Rev. C. Donald Richter will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Albion First Presbyterian Church.

Anne Chinn

AUBURN — Anne Belford Chinn died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chinn worked many years in real estate in Pittsburgh, and also worked 18 years for Allegheny County, Pa. While in Florida, she attended the Sun Coast Cathedral in St. Petersburg and volunteered for 18 years with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). In Indiana, she attended the Auburn Nazarene Church and continued to work with RSVP.

She was born in Pittsburgh to Michael A. and Anna Mary (Reed) Belford.

She married William McDougall Chinn, who preceded her in death on April 21, 1990.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Anne and Richard DePoe of Nashota, Wis., and Suzanne Chinn Eckert and Steven Eckert of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Hattie Walker, Maggi Eckert and Anne Mary Reid; and six great-grandchildren, Cassandra Walker, Nathanial Walker, Jordan Eckert, Noah Reid, Nathan Reid and Jaykob Rhodes.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Dayton and Emma Zahringer.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Allegheny County Memorial Park in Allison Park, Pa.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the local chapter of the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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June Collins

ORLAND — June E. Collins, 93, of Orland died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She was the proprietor and owner of the Collins School, a one-room schoolhouse on S.R. 120 between Orland and Fremont. She attended the school, later teaching there.

She also taught at Fremont and retired after teaching for many years at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola. She was a graduate of Manchester College and Ball State University.

She was a Sunday school teacher, church historian and member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. She was also a former grand marshal for Vermont Settlement Days in Orland.

Her hobbies included gardening, bird watching and photography.

She was born in Fremont on June 21, 1910, to Lynn Edward and Mary Bell (Tubbs) Collins.

She is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Miller and Pauline Rhine, both of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Edwina Collins of Fremont; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul E. Collins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church or the Collins School.

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Eiline Marshall-Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Eiline Irene Marshall-Temple, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Mrs. Marshall-Temple

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford. She retired in 1995 from McCray Memorial Hospital after 29 years as a nurse's aide. She also owned her own bake shop. Most recently she was an independent carrier for Fort Wayne Newspapers and received an award as Carrier of the Region.

She was born on June 16, 1928, in Huntertown to Emery and Lilly (Matthews) Kistler.

She first married Maurice G. Marshall in September 1946. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1983.

She then married Russel E. Temple in April 1995, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1999.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Sandra Marshall of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, LuAnn Hart of Avilla and Sheila and Clarence Treesh of Kendallville; two stepsons and one daughter-in-law, Philip and Vickie Temple of Oahu, Hawaii, and Russel Temple of Douglasville, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Wiles of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Sandy and Bonnie Temple and Don Temple, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Gloria Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willis "Pete" Kistler; one stepson, Robert Temple; and a granddaughter, Kim Treesh Baisden.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chartwell in care of St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis or to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Franklin Emrick

HASTINGS, Minn. — Franklin Glasgow Emrick, 95, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Augustana Health Care Center in Hastings, Minn.

Mr. Emrick

Mr. Emrick worked as an accountant and management consultant for 45 years at various companies, including Green Giant, Montgomery Ward, Schleh Associates, Safeguard Industries, Hydro-Power, Benchmark and Savoy Supply.

He was a member of the Masons of Minnesota, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and the Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. He served as Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star from 1959-1970. He was actively involved in the Masonic Hospital Fund Inc. during the creation of the Masonic Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed hunting and golf into his late 80s.

He was born in Helmer to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. He graduated from Kendallville High School and went on to graduate from South Bend Business College. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting-business and finance from the University of Illinois in 1934.

Services will be held at a later date. Ellis-Wise Funeral & Cremation Services of Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Masonic Cancer Center Fund Inc., 1700 W. Hwy. 36, No. 120, Roseville, MN 55113, or to the Augustana Health Care Center, 930 16th St. West, Hastings, MN 55033.

George Wagoner Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — George D. Wagoner Jr., 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, in Melbourne, Fla.

Before retiring in 1989, Mr. Wagoner had careers as a museum curator, business manager and antique dealer. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Melbourne.

His ancestors were pioneers in Indiana and Ohio. They moved to Stark County, Ohio, in the 1820s from Pennsylvania, and his great-great-grandparents settled in DeKalb County in 1848, farming in Franklin Township.

Mr. Wagoner was born Aug. 3, 1921, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to George and Maree Wagoner. The family moved to Kendallville in 1927 and lived at 711 E. Mitchell St., next to the McCray Mansion. His father came to Kendallville to manage the Uhlman Department Store and opened his own clothing store on Mitchell Street in 1933, later moving the business to Main Street.

Mr. Wagoner graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939, then attended Indiana University until entering the Army in World War II. After serving in the Coast Artillery in Boston, he was discharged and returned to IU, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1945. Over the next five years, he completed graduate work in museum studies at Harvard University and in art at New York University and the Sorbonne in Paris.

His father died in 1950 and his mother continued as owner and operator of Wagoner's Apparel Shop on Kendallville's Main Street until her retirement in 1970, when she moved to San Antonio.

Mr. Wagoner went on to focus his career in the management of museums, beginning in 1950 as an assistant curator at the DuPont Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Del. Moving to Manhattan in 1952, he was a manager at Scalamandre Silks for eight years, serving many interesting clients, including the Duchess of Windsor and Greta Garbo. He joined the antiques firm of Gene Thall in 1960 as a dealer, and developed a following in decorating with original artificial flower displays.

In 1968, he became director of the Old Gaol Museum in York, Maine, and in 1970 became curator of the Southhold Historical Society on Long Island. In this position, he greatly expanded the museum properties and directed the restoration of the historic 1857 Horton's Point Lighthouse on Long Island Sound. The lighthouse was also his home until his retirement in 1989.

After retirement, he moved to Indialantic (Melbourne), where he had a condominium on the Atlantic Ocean.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John W. Wagoner, and sister, Mary McFadden Dean.

He is survived by two nephews, John D. Wagoner of Knoxville, Tenn., and Robert McFadden Jr. of San Antonio; and four nieces, Jeannine Wagoner Harrold of Muncie, Jalna Wagoner Bednar of Las Vegas, Kathleen McFadden Stern of Gales Ferry, Conn., and Montous McFadden of Saunderstown, R.I.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Fr. Paul Bebis of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Wayne will officiate.

There will be no calling. Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to berhalterhutchins@hotmail.com.

James Schut

GARRETT — James A. Schut, 54, died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Formerly a resident of Wyoming, Mich., Mr. Schut was an avid auto racing fan.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, A.J. and Kerri Schut of Middleville, Mich; a stepdaughter, Margie Sadowski of Alto, Mich.; four grandchildren, Brett, Kendall, Jesika and Alex; a brother and sister-in-law, Maynard and Susie Van Dyke; a sister, Eunice Slagter; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, 4031 Clyde Park S.W., Wyoming, Mich.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lloyd Turnbull Jr.

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Lloyd V. Turnbull Jr., 76, of Hicksville, died at 8:16 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, in his residence after a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Turnbull was a minister of the West Milford Church of Christ in rural Hicksville, serving for 42 years until he retired in 2000. He also was an insurance agent for Prudential Life Insurance Co. for 13 years.

Mr. Turnbull

Early in his career, he was a freight agent for the B&O Railroad, working in LaPaz, Ind., and Hicksville, Ohio. He also worked for WBCL Christian Radio for a short time.

He was a member of the Hicksville Exempted Village School Board for eight years, the Hicksville Ministrial Association, which he served as secretary, a director of Christ Cupboard for the past 10 years and an advocate for Habitat for Humanity. He sat on the board for HIX-TV.

He was a former president of the Hicksville Boys Baseball Association, a former volunteer fireman for the Hicksville Fire Department and a member of the Hicksville Rotary Club, serving as secretary for the past 18 years. He was named Hicksville Rotary Citizen of the Year in 1997.

Mr. Turnbull was born May 12, 1927, in Garrett to Lloyd V. and Minnie (Diederich) Turnbull Sr.

He married Patricia J. Van Lear on April 18, 1948, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and Michael Headley of Hicksville; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Brenda Turnbull of Hicksville, Daniel and Jenelle Turnbull of Hicksville, Thomas and Lisa Turnbull of Bryan, Ohio, and Timothy and Lauri Turnbull of Hicksville; 12 grandchildren and their spouses, James and Jodi Turnbull of Auburn, Jason and Gini Turnbull of Antwerp, Ohio, Michael and Shawn Headley of Beavertown, Pa., Jared Headley of Hicksville, Danielle, Brianna and Hailey Turnbull of Hicksville, Christen, Joshua and Caleb Turnbull of Bryan, Ohio, and Tyler and Stuart Turnbull of Hicksville; and three great-grandchildren, MiChaela, Nathan and Landon Turnbull.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the First Church of Christ, 113 N. Main St., Hicksville, with Pastors Ken Wellman, Bryan Maxey and Lee Bracey officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Family Life Center of the Hicksville First Church of Christ.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Christ Cupboard of Hicksville, Woodburn Christian Children's Home or Hospice-Caring Way of Defiance County.

Krill Funeral Service of Edgerton, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to Turnbullfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Bazil Penland

HAMILTON — Bazil D. Penland, 68, of Hamilton died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Penland had been a factory laborer and had worked for the Hamilton Street Department.

He was born March 7, 1935, in Hamilton to Jeanette (Eberling) and Carroll Penland. His mother survives.

Also surviving are a brother, DeLos Penland of Hamilton; and a sister, Colleen Lechlitner of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Calvin Neil Penland.

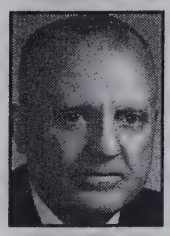
Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. David Payne officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from Wednesday from noon until the time of the service.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Franklin Emrick

HASTINGS, Minn. — Franklin Glasgow Emrick, 95, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Augustana Health Care Center in Hastings, Minn.


Mr. Emrick

Mr. Emrick worked as an accountant and management consultant for 45 years at various companies, including Green Giant, Montgomery Ward, Schleh Associates, Safeguard Industries, Hydro-Power, Benchmark and Savoy Supply.

He was a member of the Masons of Minnesota, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and the Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. He served as Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star from 1959-1970. He was actively involved in the Masonic Hospital Fund Inc. during the creation of the Masonic Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed hunting and golf into his late 80s.

He was born in Helmer to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. He graduated from Kendallville High School and went on to graduate from South Bend Business College. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, business and finance from the University of Illinois in 1934.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Helen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, George Emrick, Dennis and Carolyn Emrick and Robert and Eileen Emrick; two sisters, Louise Burkett and Emogene Sowle, both of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held at a later date. Ellis-Wise Funeral & Cremation Services of Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Masonic Cancer Center Fund Inc., 1700 W. Hwy. 36, No. 120, Roseville, MN 55113, or

Palmina Tonkel

LAOTTO — Funeral services for Palmina Lucia (Romano) Tonkel of LaOtto, 74, will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Dan Durkin will officiate.

A luncheon will follow at St. Mary's School.

Mrs. Tonkel

Mrs. Tonkel died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 24, 1929, in Washington, D.C., and had worked for the U.S. government in Washington for 19 years.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Robert L. Tonkel Sr. of LaOtto; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John W. Tonkel of LaOtto and Robert L. Jr. and Sandra Tonkel of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, AnneMarie and Tim Brown of Gaston; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne Sayer of Moundsview, Minn., and Grace and Joseph Schwaab of Stanchfield, Minn.; and four grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Melissa Tonkel, all of Leo, and AnnaBella Brown of Gaston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luciano and Maria Rosaria Romano, and a sister, Marie Romano.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, attention Jill Long in memory of Palmina Tonkel.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Alfred Ordway

HAMILTON — Alfred Ordway, 69, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 11 a.m. in Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Alfred Ordway

HAMILTON — Alfred W. Ordway, 69, of Hamilton died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ordway worked as a machine operator for Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 2002. He was a former member of the Waterloo Fire Department and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1957.

Mr. Ordway

He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Concord Township, St. Joe, to Wayne L. and Zella (Bishop) Ordway.

He married Barbara Nichols on May 28, 1955, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis Ordway of Lafayette; a daughter, Cynthia Ordway of Hamilton; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Keith Ordway of Waterloo and LeRoy and Monica Ordway of Butler; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Alice and Bill Hubartt of Waterloo, Ruth Miller of Waterloo and Kathy Moore of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerry Ordway.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Norm Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Glenoris Ruhl

ANGOLA — Glenoris L. Ruhl, 102, of Angola, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ruhl was a homemaker and attended Lake Missionary Church. She worked on the door bench at the former Auburn Automobile Co. factory.

She was a former member of the Flint United Methodist Church and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 22, 1901, in Edgerton, Ohio, to George A. and Sarah (Carmer) Rogers.

She married Alfred Ruhl in 1934. He died Sept. 4, 1963.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, LaMar E. and Margie Ruhl of Angola; five grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Alfred D. and Robert Ruhl; three sisters, Geraldine Rogers, Florence Ruhl and Gwendolyn Williams; two brothers, Basil and George Rogers; and a granddaughter, Florence June Ruhl.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lake Missionary Church.

James Johnson

CHURUBUSCO — James D. Johnson, 73, of rural Churubusco died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Johnson was a self-employed truck driver. He was a life member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Mr. Johnson

He was a graduate of Churubusco High School and served with the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 30, 1930, in Whitley County to Jonathan Ellsworth and Capitola (Simmons) Johnson.

On Sept. 29, 1951, in Churubusco, he married Janette Leitch. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce Michael and Janet Johnson of Churubusco; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Gwenn and Mark Roberts of Columbia City, Barb Nichter of Auburn, Jeannine and Jack Fairchild of Churubusco and Sherri Bushong of Huntertown; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte Duncan of Columbia City and Sharon and Ray Beeler of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Martha Jane Johnson of Albion; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roderick "Rod" Johnson, on March 6, 1999.

Services will be at noon Saturday in the Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorial are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Maxine Griffin

FORT WAYNE — Maxine "Max" Hull Wolf Griffin, 64, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at her Fort Wayne home.

She worked at American Legion Post 241 and had worked at Gouloff's and Nick's Rib Room and in quality control at Universal Plated Plastics.

She was a member of the Church of the Divine Science, American Legion Post 241, AMVETS and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are her husband, Lonnie Griffin; three sons and two daughters-in-law Richard and Wanda Wolf Jr. of Petersburg, Ill., Douglas M. Wolf of Fort Wayne and Dennis A. and Mandy Wolf of Springfield, Ill.; a daughter and son-in-law Daphne M. and Jim Cole of Mansfield, Ohio; five brothers, Donald Hull, David Hull and Ronald Hull of Fort Wayne, Kenneth Hull of Hamilton and Frank Hull of Story Lake; a sister, Donna Scott of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Richard Wolf; one son, Daren Wolf; brothers Albert, Thomas and Eugene Hull; and a grandson, James D. Cole Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

A private committal service will be Tuesday at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or the American Cancer Society.

Elizabeth Rassel

GARRETT — Elizabeth T. Rassel, 75, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 9:38 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home at Garrett. She had been a resident there since October 2003.

Mrs. Rassel taught at the East Auburn and Waterloo elementary schools in the DeKalb Central school system. She retired in 1995 from the Columbia City schools after many years at the Mary Raber and Columbia Township schools.

Mrs. Rassel

She graduated from St. Patrick's School in Terre Haute and earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana State University. She then received her master's degree in elementary education from St. Francis College.

Her memberships include St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Eagles 1906 Auxiliary, Elks Auxiliary and the Tri Kappa and Chi Omega sororities.

She was born Feb. 20, 1929, in Terre Haute to James and Helena (Freitog) Walsh.

She married Walter Warren Rassel on July 21, 1952. They made their homes in Terre Haute, Garrett and Columbia City. Mr. Rassel died May 5, 1996. In 1999, Mrs. Rassel moved to Garrett and later to Auburn.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Cindy Rassel of Garrett, Paul and Deb Rassel of Allison Park, Pa., and Walter Rassel of Raleigh, N.C.; six grandchildren, Matthew, Erin, Brooke, Lynn and Alison Rassel and Joel Worden; a son-in-law, Randy Worden of Noblesville; and a sister, Anne Burkett of Terre Haute.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Worden, a brother, John Walsh, and a sister, Mary Boos.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Columbia City.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church. A prayer service will begin Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church of the American Lung Association.

Alfred Ordway

HAMILTON — Alfred W. Ordway, 69, of Hamilton died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ordway worked as a machine operator for Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 2002. He was a former member of the Waterloo Fire Department and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1957.

Mr. Ordway

He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Concord Township, St. Joe, to Wayne L. and Zella (Bishop) Ordway.

He married Barbara Nichols on May 28, 1955, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis Ordway of Lafayette; a daughter, Cynthia Ordway of Hamilton; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Keith Ordway of Waterloo and LeRoy and Monica Ordway of Butler; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Alice and Bill Hubartt of Waterloo, Ruth Miller of Waterloo and Kathy Moore of New Haven; and a sister-in-law, Janet Ordway of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerry Ordway.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Norm Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Zane Gibson

AUBURN — Zane S. Gibson, an infant, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 6 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 16, 2004, in Auburn to Justin A. Gibson and Kimberly S. Allen. His parents survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are three brothers, Logan Allen, Lucas Allen and Derrik Gibson, all of Auburn; one sister, Alexis Tracy of Butler; and his grandparents, Brance and Sue Gibson of Auburn, Tom Kogin and Angie Smith of Garrett and Jan Kogin and Jim Sprague of Auburn.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family in care of Thomas Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Irene Witt

BUTLER — Irene E. Witt, 63, of Butler died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 1:23 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Witt was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 30, 1940, in Dayton, Ohio, to William and Hazel (Wisebaker) Hughes. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married the Rev. Charles Witt on July 30, 1955, in Liberty, Ind. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a son, Charles F. Witt Jr. of Tucson, Ariz.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Donald Cooper of Bledsoe, Ky., Crystal and Mark Orner of Butler, Sylvia and Robert Peterson of Fairborn, Ohio, and Tonya and Tim Speak of Butler; a brother, Tony Tufano Jr. of Wisconsin; two sisters, Sylvia Brooks of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Phyllis Cox of Texas; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Free Bible Tabernacle, 206 W. Washington St., Butler. Pastor Mathias Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. at the Free Bible Tabernacle.

Memorials are to the Free Bible Tabernacle.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Joyce Rimmel

HUDSON — Joyce A. Rimmel, 68, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 3 a.m. in her rural Hudson home.

Mrs. Rimmel graduated from New Castle High School and then from Lutheran School of Nursing in 1956. She was a registered nurse in Fort Wayne, with 22 years at the VA Hospital and 14 years at Lutheran Hospital. She was a member of the LaGrange Moose, the Kendallville Eagles and the Orland post of the American Legion.

She was born Aug. 21, 1935, in New Castle to James and Estella (Krall) Moore.

She married Dick B. Rimmel on Dec. 8, 1995. He survives.

Also surviving are four stepdaughters, Becky Bell and Nieta Van Engelenhoven, both of Fort Wayne, Pamela J. Reynolds of Rome City and Debra J. Kessler of Columbia, Tenn.; a stepson, Shawn Kennedy of Churubusco; a sister, Elsa Hanning of New Castle; nine stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchilden.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N.Main St., Hudson, with the Rev. James Elsner officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery of rural Hudson.

Calling is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Saturday, March 6, 2004

Marilyn Cook

COLUMBIA CITY — Marilyn V. Cook, 79, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at 4:10 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cook was the first woman in Indiana to be elected a township trustee, serving as trustee of Union Township in Whitley County and on the Whitley County School Board for 12 years. She also assisted with the operation of Cook's Ten Pin Lounge.

Mrs. Cook

She was a member of Oak Grove Church of God and was the first woman in Whitley County to join the Optimist Club.

She lived in Union Township of Whitley County, where her family moved in 1934, until moving to Columbia City in 2002. She graduated from Coesse School.

She was born July 1, 1924, in Huntington County to Delmer and Mary Hazel (Robbins) Mossburg.

She married Wave E. "Dink" Cook on June 28, 1942. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Wanda Cook of Auburn and Dennis and Patty Cook and Tim and Kathy Cook, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Tami and John Martin of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald Mossburg and Paul Mossburg.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. The Rev. Penny Mosher will officiate. Burial will be in Union Township Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Sandra Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Sandra E. Harrold, 61, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she had retired from North American Van Lines after 20 years. She was a member of Crossroads Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband, Larry D. Harrold of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Tammy Harrold;; one grandchild, Jayme; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Madelyn Hoke of Phoenix and Gene and Elva Hoke of Orlando, Fla.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Neva and Robert Beerbower of Leo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Eleanor Hoke.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crossroads Church of Christ.

Max Aldrich

CORUNNA — Max E. Aldrich, 76, of Corunna died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Aldrich was a self-employed dairy farmer. He served as a radio technician in the U.S. Marines from 1952 to 1954. He was a member and elder of the Corunna Church of Christ and a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

A licensed pilot, he loved to fly and travel and also enjoyed bowling. He was a kind, fun-loving, generous, hard-working husband, father and friend.

Mr. Aldrich was born March 8, 1928, in Richland Township to Charles and Edwina (Sherlock) Aldrich. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Sandra Clark on Dec. 6, 1974, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Cathy Aldrich of Corunna, Rodney and Patt Aldrich of Corunna and Michael Aldrich of Indianapolis; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Frank Gilbert of Apopka, Fla., Janet and John Herman of Corunna and Becky and Steven Freiburger of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Kim and Jerry Landis of St. Joe, Leigh and John Mergy of Larwill and Tammy and Brent Kult of Lafayette; two sisters, Charlene Bronson of Harlan and Dixie Krehl of Corunna; 17 grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Aldrich.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna Church of Christ with the Rev. Lee Bracey officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Corunna Church of Christ or the National Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Esther Yoder

SCOTT — Esther E. Yoder, 90, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born in Decatur on Sept. 20, 1913, to Jesse C. and Nora V. (Henderson) Ballard. She had lived in Scott the last 18 years, moving from the Burr Oak, Mich., area.

On April 25, 1943, she married Kenneth D. Yoder in Ohio. He died Oct. 12, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Yoder, Phyllis Yoder and Martha Yoder, all of Scott; a sister, Frances Kanouse of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband and parents were a sister, Irene Springer; and one brother, Jesse Ballard.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, with the Rev. James Bender of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Dorothy Fike

GARRETT — Dorothy M. Fike, 81, died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 6, 1922 in Campton, Ky., to John and Calli (Taylor) Moore.

Surviving are her husband, James E. Fike of Garrett; their children and grandchildren and one sister. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters and brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

John Mischel

MIAMI, Fla. — John Michael Mischel, 48, of Miami died Thursday, March 4, 2004.

He was employed as an attorney for Robert Allen Law in Miami and was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Key Biscayne, Fla.

He was born in Owensboro, Ky., to Harold and Maire (Reisz) Mischel. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife; Laura Mischel of Miami, who is the daughter of Keith and Janice Smith of Auburn; one son, Harrison Mischel, at home; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Lisa Mischel, Hal Mischel and Braun and Katherine Mischel, all of Owensboro; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Don Roberts and Marilyn and Pat Pace, all of Owensboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Mischel Jr., in 1951.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Saints Joseph and Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro. Burial will be in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in Owensboro.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 1:30 p.m. at James H. Davis Funeral Home, 3009 Frederica St., Owensboro, with a prayer service Monday at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Owensboro Catholic High School Library, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro KY 42301.

Condolences may be left at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Squire Taylor

GARRETT — Squire L. Taylor, 91, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Taylor was a retired farmer and had worked for the Randolph County Highway Department. He had previously resided in Spartanburg. He was a member of the Spartanburg Christian Church.

He was born March 15, 1912, in Randolph County to Lester and Florence (Bowen) Taylor.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Beth Taylor of Garrett; one grandson and his wife, Matthew and Anna Taylor of Garrett; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Tristan Taylor of Garrett.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 66 years, Virginia Worley Taylor, in 2003; a brother, Marvyn Taylor, and a sister, Rachel Cowen.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Spartanburg Christian Church with Pastor Ray Ellis officiating. Burial will be in Spartanburg Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 108 East Sherman St., Lynn, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Spartanburg Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to Lightnerfunerals@comcast.net.

Elaine Rittenhouse

AUBURN — Elaine D. Rittenhouse, 87, died suddenly Friday, March 5, 2004, at Keystone Woods assisted living center in Anderson.

Mrs. Rittenhouse was a lifelong resident of Auburn except during World War II, when she served as a civilian clerk for the U.S. Army while her husband was stationed at several military bases, including Hattiesburg, Miss., Port Clinton, Ohio, and Fort Harrison in Indianapolis. While in Indianapolis, she also worked as a purchasing clerk for L.S. Ayres.

Mrs. Rittenhouse

She completed a 30-year career as an accounting clerk for Borg-Warner in 1983.

She was a community volunteer and a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School.

She was born June 19, 1916, in Auburn to Inez L. and Roy E. Douglas. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married James W. Rittenhouse on March 2, 1940. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are a son, Larry J. Rittenhouse of Anderson, several cousins and many close friends.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen of Auburn First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Carl Haring

AUBURN — Carl Haring, 83, of Auburn died Monday, March 8, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Haring trained and bred standardbred race horses, retiring in 1983. He lived in Argos for 25 years, then in Lexington, Ky., for 26 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War and belonged to the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Sligo in Marshall County to Claude Ellis Haring and LouElla (Chamberlin) Haring. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Ruby Jones on April 27, 1946, in Plymouth. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Jerry Samuelson of Lebanon; two grandsons and their wives, J.B. and Susie Samuelson and Chris and Darcy Samuelson, all of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob and Emily Samuelson and Bryce McKean.

A brother, O.C. "Dick" Haring, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Mrs. Rittenhouse was a lifelong resident of Auburn except during World War II, when she served as a civilian clerk for the U.S. Army while her husband was stationed at several military bases, including Hattiesburg, Miss., Port Clinton, Ohio, and Fort Harrison in Indianapolis. While in Indianapolis, she also worked as a purchasing clerk for L.S. Ayres.

Mrs. Rittenhouse

She completed a 30-year career as an accounting clerk for Borg-Warner in 1983.

She was a community volunteer and a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School.

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Surviving are a son, Larry J. Rittenhouse of Anderson, several cousins and many close friends.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen of Auburn First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., Auburn, IN 46706. Condolences may be left at mccombandsons.com.

Judy Ault

BUTLER — Judy E. Ault, 57, of Butler died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ault was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 4, 1947, to Morris L. and Beulah (Dietrich) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married Lewis Ault on Aug. 12, 1967, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Josh Ault of Butler; two daughters and one son-in-law, Allena Ault of Butler and Christina and Troy Schoonover of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Tillie Wildeson of Waterloo and Betty Lee of Butler; and one grandchild, Eryn Schoonover.

A brother, Sonny Miller, preceded her in death.

Private family services will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Samaritan House in care of Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Marian Adair

FORT WAYNE — Marian Adair, 95, of Fort Wayne, widow of former congressman and ambassador to Ethiopia E. Ross Adair, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Adair

Mrs. Adair was a former school teacher and had directed a nursery school at Fort Knox, Ky., during World War II.

Her husband served in Congress from 1950 to 1970 and was U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia from 1971 to 1974. While living in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Adair organized eight International Clubs, the Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership, the Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast and the Congressional Club.

She was the founder and first president of the Welcome to Washington International Club and was presented the Hoo's Hoo of Hoosier Women award by the Indiana Society in Washington.

Mrs. Adair was also a member of the League of Republican Women, the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., the Capitol Speakers Club of Washington and the Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership.

While in Ethiopia, she organized various women's activities including two prayer breakfasts.

Mrs. Adair was born Aug. 7, 1908, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Homer and Caroline Wood. She married E. Ross Adair in 1934. He died in 1983.

Surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Caroline A. and David Dimmers of Hastings, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen W. and Katherine M. Adair of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Amy Adair Horton and her husband Anthony, the Rev. Martha Dimmers and her husband the Rev. Stephen King, Dr. Edwin Ross Adair III, Julie Hafner and her husband David, Stephen Andrew Adair and his wife Barbara, Alison Park and her husband Dr. Lawrence Park, and Emily Green; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the E. Ross Adair Scholarship Fund, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI 49242 or to Project Mercy, 7011 Ardmore Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46809.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Darryl Schmidt

FORT WAYNE — Darryl R. Schmidt, 55, died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Fort Wayne. He worked for Air-Way Manufacturing in Auburn.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Evelyn Schmidt Douglass and Morton M. Douglass of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Gabrielle Schmidt of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Sandy Lash of Orlando, Fla., Barbara Schmidt-Roy of Stamford, Conn., and Sharon McLaughlin of Orlando, Fla.; and a grandson, Evan Schmidt of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Schmidt.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

O. Eileen Harger

HAMILTON — O. Eileen Harger, 86, of Hamilton died Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Harger was a sales clerk for Harger's Meat Market for 23 years before retiring.

Mrs. Harger

She was a graduate of Garrett High School and a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Pythian Sisters, Rebekah Lodge, Hamilton Fish & Game Club and the Chatter Club.

She was born April 1, 1917, in Huntertown to Pearl (Heffelfinger) and Charles W. McBride.

She married Raymond James Harger on May 2, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Maclyn and Mary Harger of Butler and Richard and Chris Harger of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Jerry E. Houlton of Angola and Marilyn and Frank Presley of Hamilton; three brothers, Dean McBride of Waterloo, Harley McBride of Hamilton and Paul McBride of Boston; one sister, Anne Robbins of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Four brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Joe Michael Yarbrough

ANGOLA — Joe Michael Yarbrough, 55, of Angola died Thursday, March 4, 2004, in his home.

Mr. Yarbrough was a salesman at the Ben Davis auto dealership in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 7, 1948, in Seminole, Texas, to Ollie N. and Sally B. (Woodson) Yarbrough. His mother survives in Abilene, Texas.

Mr. Yarbrough

Also surviving are a companion, Yulonda Girardot of Angola; a son, Joe Michael Yarbrough II of Abilene; two daughters, Lisa Dorsey and Myleah Yarbrough, both of Abilene; three brothers, Jerry of New Mexico, Jim of Georgia and Jacky of Texas; two sisters, Jan Herd and Toni Jane Eggers, both of Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Pleasant Lake Baptist Church with the Rev. George Foulk officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Erma Blair

GARRETT — Erma A. Blair, 82, of Garrett, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 7:15 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Blair

Mrs. Blair had lived in Garrett for 42 years. She worked as an assembler at Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn for 10 years.

She was born Nov. 25, 1921, in Ossian to Frank and Mary C. (Davis) Helblig.

She married Roger Blair on Oct. 27, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Surviving are three sons, Roger Blair of Garrett, Tom Blair of Fort Wayne and Berry Blair of Bluffton; four daughters, Candy Morningstar of Garrett and Lola Pearson, Sandra Ormsby and Mary Rochefort, all of Bluffton; two brothers, John Helblig of Harrogate, Tenn., and Norman Helblig of Columbia, N.C.; three sisters, Katherine Ricken of Leesburg, Fla., and Virginia Hower and Lola Myers, both of Bluffton; 56 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, one great-grandson and five brothers, Earl, Ronnie, Wilbur, Sherm and Kenny Helblig.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tyler Sonningsen officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery of Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Doris Mann

AUBURN — Doris L. Mann, 71, died Wednesday morning, March 10, 2004, at her rural Auburn home.

An English and Spanish teacher for more than 30 years, she retired from the East Allen County School Corp.

Mrs. Mann was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe.

She was born in Allen County on Oct. 1, 1932, to Edgar and Harriet (Brown) Longardner. They preceded her in death.

She married Jack Mann in Fort Wayne on June 1, 1957. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Ried Klion of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Hannah Klion of Indianapolis; three uncles, Russell Longardner of Fort Wayne, Glen Longardner of Ligonier and Charles Brown of Hamilton; and several cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with B.J. Bungard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Kenneth Black

HAMILTON — Kenneth Ray Black, 69, of Hamilton died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Black retired from Eaton Corp. in 1999 as a tow motor driver. He was a member of the National Guard, the Auburn Moose lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Bryan, Ohio.

He was born June 13, 1934, in Kenova, W. Va., to Elizabeth (Smith) Black.

He married Nora Baker Fugate on Oct. 17, 1962. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and three daughters-in-law, Cecil and Deborah Fugate of Jacksonville, Fla., Kenneth Fugate of Hamilton, Johnny Fugate of Hamilton, James Fugate of Chino, Calif., Norman and Wanda Fugate of Milwaukee, Wis., and Ted and Deborah Fugate of Los Banos, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Lee Black, and one brother, Irvin Ray Black.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Fred Quance

ELIZABETH CITY, N.C. — Fred Everet Quance, 93, of Elizabeth City died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Winslow Memorial Nursing Home.

Mr. Quance retired from his position as chief of the quality control department with Rieke Corp. of Auburn.

He was a member of New Begun United Methodist Church, DeKalb Lodge 214 F&AM in Auburn and a senior life member of the Scottish Rite Masons Valley of Fort Wayne.

A member of Lions International since 1938, he served as Governor of District 25B in Indiana. He was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, a life member of the Weeksville Lions Club and a member of Elizabeth City Shrine Club. He was a volunteer at the Albemarle Hospital.

He was born in Spencerville to Orson and Melvina (Dickerson) Quance.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Erthenia Graham Quance.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Q. and Atlee Lawhead of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fred G. and Sharon Quance of Loudon, Tenn., and Thomas P. and Christi Quance of Elizabeth City, N.C.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 5 p.m. in Riverside United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dutton and the Rev. Bill Otis officiating.

Calling will follow the memorial service Saturday.

Memorials are to the Weeksville Lions Club Building Fund, 150 Lula Meads Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, or to the Riverside United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1400 Edgewood Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

Twilford Funeral Home, 405 E. Church St., Elizabeth City, N.C., is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online register, visit www.twifordfh.com.

Friday, March 12, 2004

Stephen Freeman

SOUTH BEND — Stephen R. Freeman, 82, of South Bend, died Thursday evening, March 11, 2004, at Methodist Hospital in South Bend.

Mr. Freeman was a retired teacher and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 14, 1921, in Dugger to Ben and Dove Freeman.

His wife, June, preceded him in death in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stephen Freeman and Tina Freeman of Carmel; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Dennis Johnson of Brookston; and four grandchildren.

Services and burial will be Monday in South Bend.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, March 13, 2004

William Franke

HAMILTON — William E. "Bill" Franke, 60, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Franke was a self-employed contract hauler. He was a member of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Franke

He was born July 30, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Coleen M. (Muldary) Franke of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent W. and Nicole Franke of Angola and Brian W. and Laura Franke of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be today at 4 p.m. at the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Calling will be today from noon to 3 p.m. at the congregation.

Memorials are to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 2725 N. State Road 827, Angola IN 46703.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

E. Ann Robuck

AUBURN — E. Ann Robuck, 74, of Auburn, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Robuck worked at Auburn Gear for 25 years before retiring in 1992.

She was born Feb. 23, 1930, in Long Beach, Calif., to William and Ruth (Edwards) Ringinger.

She married James Orlando Robuck on July 1, 1950. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Bruce E. Robuck and James L. Robuck, both of San Diego, and Scott L. Robuck of Auburn; a sister, Myrle Lemon of Seattle; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Haze Smith, and a brother, Archie Slyvia.

There will be no calling.

Graveside services will be at the Waterloo Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are by Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Condolences can be sent via e-mail to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to reflect a new date for the service and calling.*

William Franke

HAMILTON — William E. "Bill" Franke, 60, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Franke

Mr. Franke was a self-employed contract hauler. He was a member of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 30, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Coleen M. (Muldary) Franke of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent W. and Nicole Franke of Angola and Brian W. and Laura Franke of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Sunday, March 21, at 5 p.m. at the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Calling will be Sunday, March 21, from noon to 3 p.m. at the congregation.

Memorials are to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 2725 N. State Road 827, Angola, IN 46703.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Herbert Schoonover

HAMILTON — Herbert Schoonover, 76, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital in Saint Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schoonover worked in construction until 1958. From 1958 to 1967 he worked for Edgerton Tool and from 1968 to 1983 he worked at Edgerton Manufacturing.

He was a member of Edon Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio. He attended Tamarack School in Troy Township.

He was born May 26, 1927, to Harley and Florence (Zeiter) Schoonover. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in the Parkview Nursing Home in Edgerton, Ohio.

On Aug. 21, 1954, in Montpelier, Ohio, he married Sally (Knecht) Schoonover. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Schoonover of Fort Wayne, Patty and Bill Lockwood of Bryan, Ohio, and Susan Schoonover of Hamilton; a brother, James Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two sisters, Janet Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth Hamman of Kendallville; and a caregiver, Renee Crowl of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Schoonover, in 1996, and a sister, June Schoonover.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Saneto Maiko will officiate.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Stephen Freeman

SOUTH BEND — Stephen R. Freeman, 82, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 7:55 p.m. in the Methodist Hospital Yellow Rose Hospice Unit of Indianapolis.

Mr. Freeman taught vocational agriculture at North Liberty and science at Jackson High School in South Bend. He also was a FFA leader and a 4-H leader. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in science and agriculture in 1942. He was a World War II veteran of the Pacific Fleet and was the commanding naval office of the ship LSM 285 Lucky Lady. He enjoyed gardening, home repairs and horseshoes.

He was born August 14, 1921, in Dugger to Benjamin and Dove Freeman.

He married Edna June (Bays) Freeman June 21, 1952. She died Feb. 1, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Denny Johnson of Brookston; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stephen B. Freeman and Tina Freeman of Carmel; and four grandchildren, Jace, Zane, Ross and Macy Freeman.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Bill Freeman, and two sisters, Margaret Dickey and Frances Moody.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Steve Meck officiating. Burial will be in Southlawn Cemetery with military services.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Southfield Village, Main Entrance, 6450 Miami Circle, South Bend.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Free Church.

Dale Miller

LAPORTE — Dale E. Miller, 64, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 2 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Miller formerly lived in Angola. He was retired from Rich Mycka Construction as a civil engineer. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and the American Legion Skwiat Post 451 and had served in the United States Army.

He was born Nov. 28, 1939, in Angola, to Vern Miller and Marie Stroh.

On Aug. 9, 1969, in Angola, he married Frances M. (Senger) Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gregory D. Miller of Crawfordsville; three sisters-in-law, Loraine (Kenneth) Gillespie of Terre Haute, Dorothy (Gordon) Gollnick of Fremont and Susan (Ed) Ralston of Angola; and a brother-in-law, Richard "Rorie" Senger of Fremont.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. The Rev. Walter Ciesla will officiate. The American Legion Skwiat Post 451 will conduct military services at the church.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, 418 Washington St., Michigan City.

Memorials are to Abused Children's Foundation or to the American Heart Association.

Opal Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Emerick, 84, died Friday March 12, 2004, at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Emerick was retired and had worked as a cashier at the Ames Store in Kendallville and the K-Mart in Angola for many years.

Mrs. Emerick

She was born July 1, 1919, in Kimmell to Verl and Lura (Kesling) Strouse.

She married George "Jock" Emerick on May 29, 1949, in Hernando, Miss. He preceded her in death Nov. 11, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jesse Yates of Rome City and Randy and Linda Emerick of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Rick Godsey of Albion; five grandchildren, Tammy Converset of Corunna, Tina Yates of Fort Wayne, Teri Feller of Kendallville, Brian Emerick of Angola, and Stacy Emerick of Pleasant Lake; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Union Cemetery in Merriam following the services.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

To send condolences online or to sign the guest register visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lee Ann Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Lee Ann Miller, 40, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 3:49 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Miller had worked as a laborer at Lake Park Industries in Shipshewana.

She was born June 15, 1963, in Kirksville, Mo. to Ira Wiley and Nancy (Bennett) Williams. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother and stepfather, James Williams, survive in Benton Harbor, Mich.

She married Phillip E. Miller on Aug. 18, 2000, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Derek Wiley, of Shipshewana; a daughter, Samantha Miller, of Shipshewana; three sisters, Karen Wood of Michigan, Sharon Fischer of Decatur, Mich., and Robin Black of Oklahoma; a brother, Robert Williams of Pennsylvania; and her grandmother, Elizabeth Williams of Benton Harbor, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clint Williams.

Memorial services will be Monday at 5 p.m. in the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Gary Klinger will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Lockwood

WATERLOO — Dorothy Odeyne "Dode" (Parker) Lockwood, 82, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lockwood was a farmer's wife and housewife and a member of the Northgate Church of the Nazarene in Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Salem Center.

Her husband, Ronald Dale Lockwood, died Aug. 7, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, DeWayne and Sharon Lockwood and Kenneth and Patricia Lockwood, all of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Anna Rose and the Rev. Dr. David Powers of Rockford, Ill.; three sisters, Irene "Bink" Gillespie of Butler, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dan and Tom Parker, and three sisters, Dora Malynda "Lynda" Loucks, Wanda Forrester and Glova Spears.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Northgate Church of the Nazarene at Waterloo. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Northgate Church of the Nazarene.

Carl Lapadot

LAOTTO — Carl J. Lapadot Jr., 56, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at 3 a.m. in his home in rural LaOtto.

Mr. Lapadot worked in assembly at Eaton Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, retiring Sept. 1, 2003. He was a member of the UAW. He had lived in LaOtto for 35 years.

He was born Nov. 11, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Carl J. Lapadot Sr. and Wilberta G. (Lehman) Lapadot. His parents survive.

He married Diann M. Stolte on Nov. 30, 1968, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bob Lapadot of Garrett and Dan Lapadot of LaOtto; a brother, Mike Lapadot of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Carol Holcomb of California and Cathy Frendo of Texas.

A sister, Linda Schoenauer, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett High School girls basketball.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Randle Graves

AUBURN — Randle R. Graves, 82, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Graves worked as a machinist at Garrett Flexible, retiring in 1987 after 17 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and belonged to the Garrett post of the American Legion. He was a member of the Eagles in Garrett and a former member of the Moose lodge in Auburn.

He was born March 4, 1922, in Hornor, W. Va., to Arthur and Lola (Shaver) Graves.

He married Pauline Kester Graves on Oct. 10, 1981, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Richard and Deborah Kester of Auburn; a sister, Lola Graves of Ligonier; nine stepgrandchildren and 31 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Lillian Likens, Lorena Posey, Lenora Graves, Luetta Dennison and Mary Casselman; and two brothers, Leslie Graves and Cecil Graves.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Leonard Shaffer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn with graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James Swably

COPEMISH, Mich. — James Daniel Swably, 65, of Copemish died Friday, March 12, 2004, at 11:06 p.m. in Munson Regional Medical Center at Traverse City, Mich.

Mr. Swably was a journeyman machinist based in Detroit. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean conflict.

He was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Bristol, Pa., to Otto and Florence (Spivy) Swably.

He married Esther M. (Bair) Swably on March 26, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Mary Alice Swably of Tiffin, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lillian and Steven Williams of Corunna and Leah Fulmer of Grover Hill, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Donna Swably of Decatur; two stepchildren and their spouses, Jerry and Vicki Mann of Auburn and Tina and Jodi Howell of Grover Hill, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in DenHerder Funeral Home at Paulding, Ohio. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery at Grover Hill, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Copemish, Mich., EMS or the family.

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William Franke

HAMILTON — A memorial service for William E. "Bill" Franke will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at the congregation.

Mr. Franke, 60, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a self-employed contract hauler, a member of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 30, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Coleen M. (Muldary) Franke of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent W. and Nicole Franke of Angola and Brian W. and Laura Franke of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

Memorials are to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 2725 N. State Road 827, Angola, IN 46703.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

D. Richard Stamets

AUBURN — D. Richard Stamets, 77, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the founder and owner of Stamets Tool & Engineering of Auburn.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Stamets

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fort Wayne and Robinson Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Stamets of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Wanda Stamets of Fort Wayne, Robert and Mary Ruth Stamets of Spencerville and David and Mary Teresa Stamets of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Doris Klage of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara, and one sister, Jean Hinrichs.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice of Allen County.

Garcile McDowell

AUBURN — Garcile McDowell, 78, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at her home in Auburn after a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 25, 1926, in Auburn, the daughter of Ivan and Rhea (Fry) Smith.

She graduated from Butler High School in 1943.

On July 26, 1975, in Fort Wayne, she married Wilbur "Bud" McDowell. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Monte Nicholls of Harlan; three grandchildren, Kristina Nuechterlein of Fort Wayne, Monte Nicholls of Noblesville and Adam Nicholls of Seymour, Tenn.; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathleen Vose of Hicksville, Ohio; five stepchildren, Debra Storer of Albuquerque, N.M., Michael McDowell of Springfield, Mo., Scott McDowell of Richmond, Ind., Kevin McDowell of Auburn and Tricia Kermickle of Verona, Wis.; and 14 stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a niece and a stepdaughter, Diane McDowell.

Private services will be Friday at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Ken Wellman of the First Church of Christ in Hicksville will officiate. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald R. "Buck" Myers, 70, of Howe died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Myers had moved to Howe from Butler in 1996. He had retired as a material handler at Bohn Aluminum in Butler and was a partner in DBR Trucking in Butler.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

He was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Continental, Ohio, to Daniel M. and Viola M. (Waltz) Myers.

On Feb. 29 he married Shirley A. Myers. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judy Cotterman of Indianapolis, Cathy Charlton of Auburn and Shelly Myers of Hamilton; four sons, Roger Myers and Robert Myers, both of Butler, Donald Myers of Cromwell and Dennis Myers of Hamilton; two stepdaughters, Candy Wallick of Howe and Kimberly Speicher of LaGrange; a stepson, Rodney Blair of Howe; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Thursday, March 18, 2004

James Sprinkle

FORT WAYNE — James E. Sprinkle, 74, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at his home.

He was a manufacturing supervisor with Sheller-Globe Tool for 23 years, retiring in 1986. He also had worked for Employers Security.

Mr. Sprinkle was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and received the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of American Legion Post 82, an amateur boxer, and had played minor league baseball for the Scatterville Songbirds.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Kenny Smith of Fort Wayne, Debra and John Edwards of Rome City and Lisa and Scott Keebortz of Sevierville, Tenn.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Sprinkle of Fort Wayne and Cameron and Mary Sprinkle of Oakland City; his fiancée, Diana Armstrong of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bessie and Kenny Adams of Tell City and Patricia Maggert of Garrett; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Ezra and Valera, and one sister, Peggy Royal.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens. Military graveside services will be by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crossroads Children's Home.

Lawrence Romine

BEDFORD — Lawrence Richard "Dick" Romine, 68, of Bedford died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 11:42 a.m.

Mr. Romine was an accountant with the Chevrolet Division and General Motors Central Office in Detroit, where he was the assistant director of appropriations.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Bedford and the Silver Threads.

He was born Aug. 27, 1935, in Tuscola, Ill., to Paul Nolan Romine and Marie Emma (Tay) Romine.

He married Patricia Ann Mallett Edie on March 4, 1972. She survives.

Also surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Patricia Ann and Jerry Brindle of Auburn; two nieces, Julie Ann Brindle of Auburn and Deborah Lynn Lebo of Rochester, Ind.; four nephews and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Paul Brindle of Auburn, Thomas Patrick Brindle of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Brindle of Orlando, Fla., and Gregory Allen Romine of Indianapolis; one son, Kevin Richard Romine of Cleveland; two daughters, Lorene Cheryl Provost and Jolene Carol Matley, both of Novi, Mich.; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jeffrey Paul Romine; and one brother, Robert Lee Romine.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Bedford. The Rev. Robert Dailey will officiate.

Graveside services will be Saturday at noon (Indiana time) at Cartwright Cemetery in Tuscola, Ill.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. at Day & Carter Mortuary in Bedford.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or Bedford Christian Camp.

Friday, March 19, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald R. "Buck" Myers, 70, of Howe died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Myers had moved to Howe from Butler in 1996. He had retired as a material handler at Bohn Aluminum in Butler and was a partner in DBR Trucking in Butler.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

He was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Continental, Ohio, to Daniel M. and Viola M. (Waltz) Myers.

On Feb. 29, 2004, he married Shirley A. Blair. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judy Cotterman of Indianapolis, Cathy Charlton of Auburn and Shelly Myers of Hamilton; four sons, Roger Myers and Robert Myers, both of Butler, Donald Myers of Cromwell and Dennis Myers of Hamilton; two stepdaughters, Candy Wallick of Howe and Kimberly Speicher of LaGrange; a stepson, Rodney Blair of Howe; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Services were today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Franklin Rottger

AUBURN — Franklin E. Rottger, 83, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Rottger worked for Midwest Foundry in Garrett for 20 years and at Auburn Foundry for 3 1/2 years, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of Sons of the American Legion, Auburn Moose Lodge and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Dec. 31, 1920, in Altona to LeRoy and Cora (Zolman) Rottger.

He married Mildred Ely on June 17, 1944, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward Rottger of Auburn and Richard and Jyl Rottger, also of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Ronnie Williford of Auburn, Janet and Robert Zimmerman of Butler, Janice and Edward Short of London, Ky., and Connie Roush and her fiancé, Jerry Brown, of Garrett; a brother, Harold Rottger of Auburn; three sisters, Joan Lillo of Marion, Ohio, Roszella Schlosser of Auburn and Shirley Wyatt of Avilla; 27 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Rottger; two brothers, a half-brother and a half-sister.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Arthur Trier

COLUMBIA CITY — Arthur H. Trier, 83, of Columbia City died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 6:25 p.m. in The Oaks.

Mr. Trier

Mr. Trier was a partner in the family business founded by his father as Trier International Harvester Implements. In the mid-1940s the business became Trier Implements and Hudson Auto. In 1954, the implement division was closed and became Trier Lincoln Mercury. Ford was later added to the line and the business presently operates as Trier Lincoln Mercury Ford Chrysler. Mr. Trier retired from active business in 1986.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 98. As a member of Columbia City Rotary Club, he was a recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow award. He also was a past president of the Old Settlers Association, in 1962, and the Columbia City Eagles.

He served on the Columbia City School Board from 1954 to 1958 and on the Columbia City Council from 1964 to 1968. He was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, an elder of the church and sang in the church choir for many years.

Mr. Trier served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Force and piloted a B-24 bomber during World War II.

He attended grade school at the Emmaus Lutheran School in Fort Wayne. His family moved to Columbia City in 1935 and he graduated from Columbia City High School in 1939.

He was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Allen County to Arthur W. and Irene L. (Meyer) Trier.

On Dec. 12, 1943, he married Eleanor F. DeVol. They always made their home in Columbia City. Mrs. Trier died Jan. 3, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur DeVol and Jennifer Trier of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Kim Lobsiger of Garrett; four grandchildren, Patrick Inks, Christine Wooldridge and Anthony and Scott Trier; a stepgrandson, Ryan Lobsiger; four great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-granddaughter; a brother, Vernon Trier of Columbia City; and a sister, Norma Jean Johnston of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert W. Trier.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Dr. C. James Cress will officiate. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery with the American Legion Post 98 presenting military honors.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

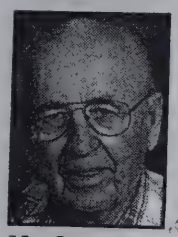
Memorials are to the Grace Lutheran Church Music Fund or the Indiana University Varsity Club.

Sunday, March 21, 2004

Byron Graves

KENDALLVILLE — Byron Elwood Graves, 87, of Allen Township in Noble County, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 4:45 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He had been a resident at the home for the past two weeks and had been in declining health since mid-December 2003.



Mr. Graves

Mr. Graves had been a farmer since he was 11 years old. As a lifelong community member in Allen Township, he was involved with the Sweet Church Restoration Project and was a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He enjoyed farming, gardening, fishing and traveling.

He was born to Thad and Edith M. (Bouhey) Graves on April 25, 1916, in Allen Township in Noble County. They preceded him in death.

He married Virginia Weimer on April 6, 1938. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 1978.

He then married June E. (Harvey) Simon on Jan. 12, 1980. She preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 2002.

Also preceding him in death were a stepfather, Neal Huffman, and a brother, Dean Graves.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and James Frey of Kendallville; one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Kevin VanGessel of Kendallville; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Steven C. and Debora Simon of Wawaka, Richard and Anne Simon of Kendallville and Paul Simon of Kendallville; one sister, Jeanette Stringfellow of Kendallville; three grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Cancer Society.

Randy Dotts

FREMONT — Randy L. Dotts, 53, of Fremont died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dotts worked for 31 years at Aro Corp. in Angola and as a farmer.

He enjoyed his grandchildren and working on his farm equipment. He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Orland. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1968.

He was born to Robert H. and Hazel (Heckathorn) Dotts on Sept. 21, 1950, in Angola. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol Stroh on Sept. 27, 1969, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tammy Dotts of Angola; a son, Kelly Dotts of Fremont; a sister, Sandy Smith of Ashley; and two grandchildren, David and Francisco Carrasco of Angola.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

Susan Detwiler

ALBION — Susan Jean Gray Detwiler, 48, of Albion died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 6:48 p.m. at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Chapel in Avilla.

Marie Olds

CORONA, Calif. — Marie Olds, 88, of Corona, Calif., died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Life Care Center of Corona.

A DeKalb County native, Mrs. Olds was born April 7, 1915. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son James Olds of Crestline, Calif.; two daughters, Sally Barr of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Kathy Wise of Texas; two sisters, Joanna Vancil of Tulsa, Okla., and Margaret Dilgard of Phoenix; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be today at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at Thomas Miller Mortuary in Corona, Calif., followed by a private cremation.

Funeral arrangements are by Thomas Miller Mortuary, 1118 E. Sixth St., Corona, CA 92879 is in charge of arrangements.

Max Rice

AVILLA — Max L. Rice, 86, of Avilla died at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, in Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit in Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mr. Rice worked in the maintenance division for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He also was a farmer for several years.

A lifetime local resident, he was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. He was active in the Noble County Saddle Club and was an avid reader of author Louis Lamour.

He was born in Noble County on March 9, 1918, to Roy and Lola Scarlet Rice.

He married Pauline P. Imler on Feb. 21, 1942, in Avilla. She preceded him in death on Dec. 16, 2003.

His brother, Ronald Rice, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Oran Winebrenner of Huntertown; one son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Julia Rice of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeff and Jason Winebrenner and Lisa Rice; two great-grandchildren, Haley Winebrenner and Maelee Kimmel; one sister, MariLou Stiffney of Goshen.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Sam Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Helen Frick

WATERLOO — Helen C. Frick, 97, of Waterloo died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born to Frank and Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser on April 2, 1906, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County.

She married Chester Frick on Jan. 24, 1929, in Waterloo, and together they owned and operated Frick's Bargain Inn in Waterloo from 1953 to 1968.

Mrs. Frick also worked at Imperial Plating of Waterloo and Electric Motors of Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Alfred "Gene" Frick of Waterloo; a daughter, Betty Roose of Garrett; a sister, Kathryn Dunn of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 21, 1987; her parents; a son, Robert Frick; a daughter, Patricia Stayer; three brothers, Ed, Leo and Charles Schlosser; three sisters, Minnie and Celie Hollis and Emma Friend; a grandson, Robert Roose; and a great-granddaughter, Misty Rain Frick.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, March 22, 2004

David Hudson

AUBURN — David F. Hudson, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Hudson worked at Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn for 24 years, retiring in 1992, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church, where he loved serving his Lord Jesus. He was a faithful husband and friend for 46 years, and a father and grandfather who loved his family very much.

He was born Sept. 11, 1932, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Nolan and Ruby (Tabler) Hudson.

He married Rose Ellen Myers on Oct. 19, 1957, in rural Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Mitch and Mary Ann Hudson of Fort Wayne; one daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Michael Alexander of Auburn; two brothers, Carlos Hudson of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Nolon Hudson of Pine Island, Fla.; and four grandchildren, Dane Alexander, Ashley Alexander, Sara Hudson and Corey Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Michael and Richard Hudson.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Alliance Church. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

MAX L. RICE, 86, of Avilla, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit, Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Tuesday. Born March 9, 1918, in Noble County, he was a lifetime resident of the community. He married Pauline P. Imler, on Feb. 21, 1942, in Avilla. He worked in the maintenance Division for INDOT - Indiana State Highway, retiring after 25 years in 1985 and he was also a farmer for several years. Survivors are daughter, Carol (Oran) Winebrenner of Huntertown; son, Tim (Julia) Rice of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeff and Jason Winebrenner and Lisa Rice; two great-grandchildren, Haley Winebrenner and Maelee Kimmel; and sister, MariLou Stiffney of Goshen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline, on Dec. 16, 2003; parents, Roy and Lola Scarlet Rice; and one brother, Ronald Rice. **Service is 3 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Sam Kessler officiating. Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.** Burial a later date at Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion. Memorials to DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Charles Meeks

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Indiana Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks, 67, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

A native of Fort Wayne, he represented District 14 which includes eastern portions of Allen County, most of DeKalb County, and eastern Steuben County.

Mr. Meeks

He graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1954, served four years in the U.S. Navy, and became a deputy with the Allen County Sheriff's Department in 1961. He was elected sheriff twice, serving that office from 1975 to 1982. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Meeks was executive director of the National Sheriffs Association for eight years, a position he took after retiring from the sheriff's department after 28 years.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Masonic Lodge South Gate, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, American Legion Post 409, The Chapel, and the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie A. Meeks; one son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Renee Meeks of Leo-Cedarville; two brothers, Sen. Robert Meeks of LaGrange and Fred H. Meeks of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren Chad A. Meeks, Sarah E. Meeks and Roy A. Meeks, all of Leo-Cedarville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Sue Meeks, and a son, David Alan Meeks.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at The Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, the Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home or The Chapel.

Arrangements are by the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Phyllis Whitney

ANGOLA — Phyllis I. Whitney, 66, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at 4:23 a.m. in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

A homemaker, she was born Sept. 27, 1937, in Wood County, Ohio, to William and Orma (Edwards) Clements. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Whitney of Frankfort, Mich., and Chris Whitney of Buckingham, Va.; a daughter, Cheryl Greuter of Angola; two brothers, Ronald Bland and William Clements, both of Defiance, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Whitney, two sons, Timothy and Bobbie, and a brother, Thomas Clements.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Susan Detwiler

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Jean Gray Detwiler, 48, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 6:48 p.m. at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Detwiler was a lifetime area resident and had been employed in inventory control at Parker-Hannifin in Albion since 1984.

Mrs. Detwiler

A 1974 graduate of Churubusco High School, she enjoyed gardening, sewing, canning and searching for antiques at garage sales and auctions.

She was born Aug. 19, 1955, in Wolf Lake to Paul and Betty (Lowe) Gray. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Churubusco.

On Nov. 14, 1987, at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, she married Ralph Detwiler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tara Gallo and Jamie Gallo, both of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hector and Delisha Gallo of Auburn and Jose Gallo of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Florence Gray of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Orr of Columbia City and Beth and James Franklin of Churubusco; and four grandchildren, Gavin Gallo, Kailey Eminger, Ayden Gallo and Trace Gallo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Aaron Peer and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

DeWitt Cochard

AUBURN — DeWitt L. "Dewey" Cochard, 83, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Cochard had lived in the Kendallville area since 1938. He was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School and attended Ball State University, where he was president of his junior class.

Mr. Cochard

He joined the U.S. Navy on Dec. 8, 1941, and served until Oct. 24, 1945, including combat duty in the South Pacific aboard a PT boat as quartermaster first class.

Mr. Cochard graduated from Indiana University in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in business.

He worked briefly for a car dealer in Garrett, for three years at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville, 21 years for Hubbard Spool Co. in Garrett as controller and 10 years at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville as purchasing manager, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Cochard was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749, American Legion Post 86, the Elks Club, Masonic Lodge and Mensa International. He was a former member of Mizpah Shrine and rode with the Pedal-Pushers parade unit. He was active in civic affairs, serving 10 years as center manager for Junior Achievement and on the Traffic Commission. He was an avid golfer.

He was born April 26, 1920, in Seneca County, near Fostoria, Ohio, to Charles Roscoe and Gertrude Hazel (Linhart) Cochard.

On Oct. 12, 1947, at the First Methodist Church in Kendallville he married Jean Stiver. She died July 4, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Kathy Cochard of rural Auburn, Dr. Larry and Susan Cochard of Evanston, Ill., and Lynn and Kim Cochard of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Dan Burtnette of Fort Wayne and Kathy Cochard of Bloomington; three brothers, Rex Cochard of Fort Wayne, C.C. Cochard of Scottsdale, Ariz., and George Cochard of Bloomington; and six grandchildren, Jeff Cochard, Jane Cochard and her partner, Geoff Davis, Janelle Cochard and Joey and Jacqueline Burtnette, all of Fort Wayne, and Kelly Stephens of Kendallville.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a granddaughter, Judith Ann Cochard, in 1984; two brothers, Willis Cochard and Robert Cochard; and a sister, Donna Barker.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Farmer of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by the Kendallville VFW Post.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County Inc., 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ellen Immel

BUTLER — Ellen J. Immel, 67, of Butler died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Immel was a homemaker and had worked at Raytheon (Magnavox) in Columbia City for 15 years before retiring in 1999.

She was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn, where she was a Sunday school teacher.

She was born June 29, 1936, in Auburn to Harold C. and Velma E. (Graves) Hamman. They preceded her in death.

She married Clair G. Immel on Sept. 20, 1958, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Immel of Butler and Larry Latta of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Marsha Immel of Butler and Lisa and Markus Smith of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Kalene Hamman of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Norman King of Angola; and six grandchildren, Nicole Immel, Codey Greuter, Derek Greuter, Seth Smith, Marshal Latta and Brittney Smith.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God with the Rev. Matthew Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are to Soul's Harbor Assembly of God.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Jo Seitz

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary Jo Seitz, 75, of rural Pleasant Lake, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at 10 p.m. at Northern Lakes & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Seitz retired in 1992 after 18 years of service as the switchboard operator at Tri-State University.

She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, the Steuben County Women's Club and the Angola Legion Auxiliary. She was a Sweet Adeline for 10 years in Coldwater, Mich., and El Paso, Texas, and was a Girl Scout leader in El Paso. She was a ham radio operator with call letters KB9ICD.

She was born in Chicago on May 23, 1928, to George and Ruby (Johnson) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She married Clarence A. Seitz on Dec. 18, 1949, in Miller, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving is a son, D. Randy, of Indianapolis.

A brother and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Ronald Beeber

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Ronald A. Beeber, 62, died March 17, 2004, at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Mr. Beeber had been employed by Semler Industries of Franklin Park, Ill., since 1975. He was a very active member of St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., for 30 years.

He was born July 15, 1941, in Garrett to Arthur and Bertha Beeber. They preceded him in death.

He married Judith "Judy" Tooman on July 29, 1961, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Gregory Schneider of Crystal Lake, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Deborah Beeber of Arlington Heights, Ill.; six grandchildren, Daniel, Audrey, Michael, Austin, Travis and Cody; and a brother and sister-in-law, Aaron J. and Joyce Beeber of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca Habig.

Services were Saturday at St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Ill. Interment was at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine, Ill.

Memorials are to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, or the Capital Fund of St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Condolences may be posted at www.dailyherald.com/obits.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

Raymond Richey

AUBURN — Raymond E. Richey, 65, of Auburn died early Tuesday, March 24, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Richey was a resident of Sunny Meadows Home in Auburn. He was a farmer and a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Dec. 15, 1938, in Garrett to Velma (Weinhold) and Harold Richey.

He is survived by an uncle and aunt, Lloyd and Pearl Weinhold; two cousins, Sue Anderson and Nettie Goings and her husband, Dale; a sister-in-law, Judy Richey; and the residents and staff of Sunny Meadows.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Shirley Richey and Larry Richey.

Services will be Friday at noon in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with the Rev. Dr. Milton Craig of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sunny Meadows Home or the First Christian Church in Auburn.

Friday, March 26, 2004

Ladean Reynolds

LOUISVILLE, Ohio — Ladean E. Reynolds, 68, died Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at her home in Louisville, Ohio.

Born in Auburn on Jan. 10, 1936, she was a 1954 graduate of Auburn High School. She formerly was employed by the North Canton Medical Foundation and Dr. John Hackett of Columbus, Ohio. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Louisville.

Surviving are her husband, Jimmie, whom she married on Sept. 8, 1956, in Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Penny Jo Reynolds and Kurt and Mary Pat Reynolds, all of Louisville, and Calvin and Kathy Reynolds of Malvern, Ohio; her mother, Evelyn Manon of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Retha and Don Butler and Linnea Aldrich, all of Auburn; her stepmother-in-law, Elizabeth Prickett of North Canton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Katherine, Caroline, Bryan, Jonathan and Joseph; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Erton Manon, and two infant sons, Keith and Kenneth.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Loren Yarlot

WATERLOO — Loren M. Yarlot, 90, died early today, March 26, 2004, at his home in Waterloo.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Lee Thomas

AUBURN — Lee A. Thomas, 58, of rural Auburn died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 11:45 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thomas lived in the Garrett area for 35 years. He worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and AIW Local. He belonged to the Albright United Methodist Church in Mishawaka.

Mr. Thomas

He was born June 27, 1945, in Mishawaka to Wilbur R. and Thelma (Snyder) Thomas.

He married Dianne L. Lash on Aug. 9, 1969, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christina and Curtis Smith of Garrett and Karen and Ben Myers of Avilla; a son, Ben Thomas of Muncie; a granddaughter, Lily Myers of Avilla; a grandson, Jacob Myers of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gregg and Sharon Thomas of Mishawaka and Wade and Linda Thomas of Denver; his father-in-law, James E. Lash of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Lucille Lash.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Gordon L. Samra will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Loren Yarlot

WATERLOO — Loren M. Yarlot, 90, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Yarlot was a lifetime farmer and received a soil conservation award. He also worked as a barber in Fort Wayne and at Modern Air in Angola.

He served as a radio technician in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Sept. 21, 1913, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Roscoe and Nellie (Huntington) Yarlot.

He married Ruth E. Miller on May 17, 1941, in St. Paul Catholic Church at Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Janet Yarlot of Bakersfield, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Charles Crowl of Hamilton and Alice and Thomas Swift of Waterloo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Dorothy and Bud Carper of Waterloo and Vera Daniels of Butler; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Yarlot, and a sister, Leora Farrington.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Father Dave Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Lois Adams

ANGOLA — Lois J. Adams, 77, of Angola died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her lifelong residence in Angola.

Mrs. Adams was born June 20, 1926, in Pennsylvania to John Elias and Anna Marie (Adams) Jones.

She devoted her life to caring for the elderly, first as the owner, along with her husband, Gordan W. Adams, of Adams Nursing Home in Angola, and in later years as an employee of Lakeland Nursing Center, also in Angola.

She had a passion for reading, poetry, dogs and Angola.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca (Adams) and Dr. Patrick J. Dineen of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman L. Fuller of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, friends and loved ones consider a donation to the Steuben County Humane Society or show a special kindness to the elderly.

Clement Roach

FREMONT — Clement F. "Pete" Roach, 83, of Fremont died Thursday, March 25, 2004.

Mr. Roach was born in Fort Wayne. He was co-owner of Vance Decorating for 38 years, retiring in 1982. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, Knights of Columbus, Painters Local No. 469, and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He was also a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Marjorie A. Roach of Fremont; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael W. Roach of Fort Wayne and Patrick V. and Julie Roach of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda S. and Jim Inlow of Spencerville; a brother, L. Michael Roach of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Harber of Yoder, Kathleen "Kate" Talbott of New Haven and Patricia Kenney of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military honors conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 423, Orland.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also one hour before services at the church. A vigil service will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses, Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

Samuel Mast

LAGRANGE — Samuel L. Mast, 86, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2004, at his home.

He was a retired farmer and a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.

Mr. Mast was born Nov. 27, 1917, to Levi and Susie (Gingerich) Mast.

He married Mattie J. Miller on Jan. 29, 1939. She died June 16, 1998.

Surviving are six daughters and their husbands, Katie Marie and Eli Yoder of Topeka, Mary and Glen Miller of Nappanee, Alta and Perry Bontrager of Pardeeville, Wisc., Annie and Harvey Borkholder of Nappanee, Vera and Ray Hershberger of Howe, and Verna and Monroe Bontrager of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Anna Mast of LaGrange and Henry and Frieda Mast of LaGrange; one sister and brother-in-law, Ada and David Yoder of Middlebury; and three brothers, John Mast of Lake Placid, Fla., Edward Mast of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Melvin Mast of Morriston, Ariz.; 60 grandchildren and 134 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and wife; one daughter, Elizabeth Mae Miller; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family home, 2385 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange, with Bishop Alvin Mishler and the Rev. Melvin Schrock officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the residence.

The Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Yvonne Graham

WOLCOTTVILLE — Yvonne R. Graham, 46, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 1:05 a.m. in the emergency room of LaGrange Hospital. She had been ill since 1994.

She was a 1976 graduate of Lakeland High School and had lived in the Wolcottville area and at Atwood Lake most of her life. She worked 18 years at King Sealy in Kendallville and was a sales associate at Wal-Mart in Kendallville.

Ms. Graham

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Rome City, and Messiah Lutheran Church.

She was born July 24, 1957, in Fort Wayne, to Robert and Corienne (Mason) Graham.

Surviving are her companion, Butch Chrisman; a daughter, Nichole Snyder, at home; her mother and stepfather, Corky and John Fey of Adams Lake; one granddaughter, Alexis Snyder; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Cindy Graham, Dalane and Kim Graham and Mitch Graham; one sister, Cindy Graham; two stepbrothers and their wives, Tom and JoAnn Fey and Danny and Kyntte Fey; three stepsisters and one stepbrother-in-law, Kathy Marker, Becky Fey and Beth and Jeff Huntine; six nephews and five nieces.

Preceding her in death were her father; and grandparents Clarence and Joyce Mason and Joseph and Helen Graham.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial is at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a college fund for her granddaughter, Alexis Snyder.

Sunday, March 28, 2004

Patricia Rizzo

AVILLA — Patricia Ann "Trish" Rizzo, 55, died at 4:50 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her home in rural Avilla. She had been in failing health since December.

A homemaker, she had lived in the Avilla area since 1992.

Mrs. Rizzo

She enjoyed the spirit of nature, antiques, and loved her dog, Emma.

She was born Dec. 29, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Ruth (Kohlmeyer) Kulleck.

She married Barry Rizzo July 16, 1986.

Surviving are her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Heidi Caccamo of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Joe Fyock of Monroeville and Erika and Andrew Adamonis of New Haven; three grandchildren, Cody and Haley Fyock and Dominic Caccamo; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathyrn and Marshall Smith, of Fort Wayne; father-in-law Philip Rizzo; three sisters-in-law and their spouses, Elaine and George Petersen, Gloria and Marty Meyers and Barbara and Gary Baus; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Phil and Robin Rizzo and Nick and Debby Rizzo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Divine Science, 1615 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

There is no calling and cremation will take place.

Memorials are to the family.

The Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Hurst

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys Hurst, 69, surrounded by the family that loved her, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at her residence in Kendallville.

She was retired from Courier Printing where she had worked eight years. She also worked eight years at Taylor-Made Inc.

Mrs. Hurst

Mrs. Hurst had devoted her life to raising her family. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Aug. 26, 1934, in Dorton, Pike County, Kentucky, on Aug. 26, 1934, to Nathan and Nola (Mullins) Gibson.

On Oct. 31, 1949, in Prestonsburg, Ky., she married James R. Hurst. He died Nov. 17, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Jim Hurst of South Milford and Larry Hurst of Kendallville; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda and Ray Taylor of Kendallville, Wanda Watts of Kendallville, Sherry and Mike Paulus of Kendallville, Sandie and Daniel Benedict of Huntertown, and Rhonda and Dave Lange of Kendallville; three brothers, Garland Gibson of Lewistown, Mich., Willie Gibson of Kendallville and Wilburn Gibson of Auburn; one sister, Ocie Spriggs of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband; a daughter, Dolores Hurst; two grandchildren, Brandy Watts and Ray Taylor Jr.; two brothers, Nelis and Willis Gibson; and one daughter-in-law, Ruth Hurst, who died March 2, 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hite Funeral Home, with burial at Lake View Cemetery.

Callings is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

J. Edward Roush

HUNTINGTON — J. Edward Roush, 83, of Huntington died Friday, March 26, 2004, at 12:12 p.m. at the Heritage of Huntington.

Mr. Roush served as the 5th District U.S. congressman from 1958 to 1968 and as 4th District congressman from 1970 to 1976. As a congressman, he was the driving force in the creation of the national 911 emergency telephone system.

Mr. Roush

He was noted for his efforts in environmental legislation and was the main sponsor of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. He pushed for federal money to create a system of reservoirs in northeast Indiana as a way to reduce flooding.

He was an early voice in opposition to the Vietnam War. He also was a strong advocate in support of civil rights legislation.

Following his time in Congress, he served for two years as a regional director of the Environmental Protection Agency, by appointment of President Jimmy Carter. He also carried on an active legal practice with the firm of Matheny, Michael, Hahn and Bailey. He was a member of the Huntington County Bar Association.

A lover of nature, Mr. Roush had a passion for fishing excursions to the lakes of northern Minnesota and was an accomplished woodworker and painter of still-life watercolor paintings.

He was a 1938 graduate of Huntington High School, a 1942 graduate of Huntington College and a 1949 graduate of the Indiana University School of Law. While in law school, he was elected a state representative in the Indiana Legislature. Upon graduation from law school, he joined the law firm of CWH Bangs in Huntington.

Mr. Roush received honorary degrees from Huntington College and Purdue University. He served on the Huntington College Board of Trustees for 50 years and served a six-month term as interim president of the college in 1989.

He had been a member of the College Park United Brethren Church since 1949, serving as a Sunday school teacher and on two building committees. He also served the Church of the United Brethren in Christ as a denominational legal counsel for many years and gave leadership to the denominational General Board of Administration and its executive committee.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 as an infantry captain. He saw combat duty in the European Theater in 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star. After his service in World War II, he served in the Army Reserves and was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean conflict, serving in the Counter Intelligence Corps. He was a member of Huntington American Legion Post 7.

He was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Barnsdall, Okla., to Herman A. and Eva B. Fisher Roush.

He married Polly Borton on Sept. 5, 1943, at the Fountain United Brethren Church in Fayette, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David L. Roush of Denver, Joel E. Roush of Huntington and Robin D. Roush of Roanoke; a daughter and son-in-law, Melody and Paul Wright of Winona Lake; a sister, Joan Heffelfinger of Huntington; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jean Barnett, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in College Park United Brethren Church, 1945 College Ave., Huntington. The Rev. Brent A. Birdsall and Dr. Raymond Waldfogel will officiate. Interment will be in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery of Huntington.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the J. Edward and Polly Roush Scholarship Fund, in care of Huntington College, 2303 College Ave., Huntington IN 46750.

To sign an on-line guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Roy Sponhower

BUTLER — Roy E. Sponhower, 85, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at 11:55 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

Nancy Bolinger

AUBURN — Nancy L. Bolinger, 67, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

She was a 1955 graduate of South Whitley High School and worked at Auburn Laundry Service as an attendant for the past two years.

She was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Peggy (Hire) Quinn.

Mrs. Bolinger

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kelly Bolinger of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Pat and Bill Tusing of Leesburg and Sue Haiflich of Auburn; a brother, Jim Brayman of South Whitley; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded death by her husband, Max, on Oct. 24, 1999, and a daughter, Cindy Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiating.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bliss Hammaker

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa — Bliss S. Hammaker, 75, of Connellsville (Wooddale), Pa., died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

She was a graduate of Phillipsburg High School and of Grove City College in 1950 with a bachelor of music degree.

She had lived in Connellsville since 1952. She was a former music and reading teacher in the Connellsville School District. She was a former member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Connellsville, where she was choir director for 23 years. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and was a charter member and first president of the Bullskin Township Lioness Club. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Scottdale, Pa., and its Clingerman Sunday School class.

She was born May 22, 1928, in Clearfield, Pa., to Lloyd and Edythe Williams Shankle. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, James Richard Hammaker; two sons, Jeffrey Alan Hammaker and his fiancée, Vickie Briggs of York, Pa., and Paul Neal Hammaker and his wife, Julie, of Connellsville; four grandchildren, Janae Hammaker, Krista Hammaker, Jim Hammaker and Frankie Hammaker; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard G. and Sue Shankle of Auburn.

Services took place Monday at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Scottdale. Interment was in Green Ridge Memorial Park.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were handled by Brooks Funeral Home, Inc., 111 E. Green St., Connellsville.

Evaleena Wogoman

HAMILTON — Evaleena B. Wogoman, 78, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Stroh to Harmon and Inez (Gaskill) Emerick.

She married Richard Wogoman on March 17, 1956, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Ellen Emerick of Hudson, Jimmy and Sharon Emerick of Pleasant Lake, Mike and Norma Emerick of Angola, Jeff and Jackie Wogoman of Angola and Pat and Marcia Wogoman of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Dave Day of LaGrange and Cathy and Larry Gaff of Hamilton; a stepson, John Wogoman of Butler; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Lyle, Vern and Virgil Emerick and two in infancy, and three sisters, Doris Slone and two in infancy.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Leroy Spice

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. — Leroy Spice, 62, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at his residence.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a former employee of Hipskind Asphalt Co. of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are one son, William Spice of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Deborah Bain of Williamston, S.C., and Donna Spice and Peggy Jones, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Eugene Spice of Berne and Bob Spice of Auburn; three sisters, Rosemary Robinson of Scottsville, Carol Spice of Adolphus, Ky., and Darlene Beaman of Indiana; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him death were his parents, Leonard and Mae Bell (Cullen) Spice; and a sister, Linda McDougal.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

The Goad Funeral Home of Scottsville is in charge of arrangements.

Roy Sponhower

AUBURN — Roy E. Sponhower, 85, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at 11:55 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Sponhower was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer. He helped with the United Nations Relief Association Program, sponsored by the Brethren Church, taking horses and mules to Germany after the war. He was a certified grain storage inspector with the U.S. Department of Agriculture program.

He was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to all 50 states, most European countries, the Orient, Holy Land, Australia and New Zealand. He also enjoyed researching genealogy.

He was born April 15, 1918, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Clarence and Clara (McGinnis) Sponhower. They preceded him in death.

On Jan. 1, 1940, he and Dorothy M. Miller were the first couple married in the Hopewell Church. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jill A. Hoard of Spencerville, Joan A. Benz of Couch, Mo., and M. Jane Meshberger of Linn Grove, Ind.; two sons, Mark E. Sponhower and Tim A. Sponhower, both of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bonnie Peters and Blanche Johnson; a brother, Burt U. Sponhower; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hopewell United Brethren Church with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 424, Auburn, IN 46706.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Judith Myers

DENVER, Colo. — Judith "Judi" C. (Little) Myers, 64, died Wednesday, March 30, 2004.

Born in Auburn, she had been a junior high school general music teacher in Huntertown and later a general music teacher and librarian at the Mackintosh Academy in Denver. She had performed in many musicals staged by the Physically Handicapped Amateur Musical Actors League Inc. Previously she had performed in various summer-stock productions in other parts of the country.

She is survived by her husband, Ken; a daughter, Alyson; a sister, Roberta Schaab of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Clair.

Memorials are to the Physically Handicapped Amateur Musical Actors League Inc. (PHAMALY), Box 44216, Denver, CO 80201.

Roy Sponhower

AUBURN — Roy E. Sponhower, 85, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at 11:55 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mr. Sponhower was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer. He helped with the United Nations Relief Association Program, sponsored by the Brethren Church, taking horses and mules to Germany after the war. He was a certified grain storage inspector with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Program.

Mr. Sponhower

He was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to all 50 states, most European countries, the Orient, Holy Land, Australia and New Zealand. He also enjoyed researching genealogy.

He was born April 15, 1918, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Clarence and Clara (McGinnis) Sponhower. They preceded him in death.

On Jan. 1, 1940, he and Dorothy M. Miller were the first couple married in the Hopewell Church. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jill A. Hoard of Spencerville, Joan A. Benz of Couch, Mo., and M. Jane Meshberger of Linn Grove, Ind.; two sons, Mark E. Sponhower and Tim A. Sponhower, both of Auburn; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bonnie Peters and Blanche Johnson, a brother, Burt U. Sponhower; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Hopewell United Brethren Church with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 424, Auburn, IN 46706.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Friday, April 2, 2004

Ralph Sutton

FORT WAYNE — Ralph A. Sutton, 98, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sutton worked in the laboratory at International Harvester, retiring after 40 years. He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 2, 1905, in Garrett to O.A. and Elsie (Judd) Sutton.

Mr. Sutton

He married Edna Zaugg on Oct. 9, 1957, in Bloomington. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three daughters, Shirley Armstrong of Auburn and Marilyn Slagle and Audrey Craig, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Steven Sutton of Downey, Calif.; 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David Sutton.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, with Pastor David Peterson officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

James Martin

FORT WAYNE — James H. Martin, 70, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Martin was an Allen County native and had retired in 1982 after 30 years with the heat treating department at Dana Corp.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church and was involved with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett. He enjoyed fishing, bee keeping and farming.

Surviving are his wife, Donna, of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth and Charles Browning of Churubusco and Teresa and Paul Warner of Huntertown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Donna Martin of Fort Wayne and Gail and Karen Martin of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Bev Martin of St. James City, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and David Amick of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Gibault Inc. in Terre Haute or Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Dorothy Hoffelder

WATERLOO — Dorothy M. Hoffelder, 92, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at her rural Waterloo home.

Mrs. Hoffelder had worked at Kaiser's, Gay's and Hiller supermarkets for a combined total of 27 years.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and its Rosary Society. She graduated from Ashley High School in 1928.

She was born April 24, 1911, in DeKalb County to Frank S. and Elvena (Blomeke) Miller.

On Jan. 17, 1934, in Monroeville she married John Hoffelder. He died Sept. 17, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Max Hoffelder of Waterloo; two sisters, Joan Rudolph and Ursilla Smith, both of Waterloo; a grandson, Michael Hoffelder of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Pete Miller, and two sisters, Katherine Walker and Irene Wappes.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Sunday, April 4, 2004

Richard Hobson

AVILLA — Richard G. Hobson, 59, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 2:58 p.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He lived in Avilla for the last 25 years, coming from Fort Wayne. He retired from Advanced Product Analysis at Navistar in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was a member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum and the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. His hobbies included antique gas engines, auto racing, drag racing semi trucks, blacksmithing and cooking.

He was born Aug. 13, 1944, in Greenville, S.C., to Richard Keith and Doris (Bennett) Hobson. They preceded him in death.

He married Sarah Porter on Sept. 19, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two-sons-in-law, Kimberly and Brian Gaze of Fort Wayne, Mariah and Brian Walker of Rome City and Christina Bassett of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard R. and Jennifer Hobson of Avilla; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Mid-America Windmill Museum.

Norma Simmonds

AUBURN — Norma F. Simmonds, 76, of Auburn died Friday, April 2, 2004, in her home.

She was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy in the Cadet Nurse Corps. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and a past president of Elks Auxiliary in Bricktown, N.J. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Simmonds

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, to Harry Barringer Flood and Lillian Carrie Davidson in Patterson, N.J.

She married Martin G. Simmonds on April 27, 1946. He survives.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert G. and Susan Simmonds of St. Petersburg, Fla, and Harry A. and Carmilla Simmonds of Bridgeton, N.J.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine L. and Larry Warstler of Auburn and Susan D. and Clint Silvers of Tom Rivers, N.J.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Grover "Buddy" Flood, and a sister, Evelyn O. Matthiessen.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Friends will be received from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Lakewood, N.J., at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a church of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Josephine "Pip" Henney Jackson, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 11 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Jackson loved to garden, fish, cook and spend time with her family. She was the matriarch of her family and the oldest member of the Morr family.

Mrs. Jackson

She was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Kendallville to Stephen and Maude (Morr) Walchalk.

She married Roland J. Henney in June 1936. He died in February 1963.

She then married Lyle L. Jackson in 1966. He died in September 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy Henney of Kendallville; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nellie Michael of Ligonier, Marry Ellen and Philip Deardorf of Los Gatos, Calif., Stephanie and Duane Jackson of Witmer Lake; Kathryn "Kathy" and Gary Dodd of Kendallville; a sister, Dorothy Tipton of El Paso, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Gregg Michael, Mary Cynthia Hilliard, David Deardorf, Lisa Shisler, Emily Newcomer, Lori Deusler, Jenny Schmidt, Joshua Henney, Sarah Henney, Mary Ellen Henney, Stephanie Rockford "Rocky" Kegg and Mandy Kegg; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. and Monday an hour before the service.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Sunday, April 4, 2004

John Strombeck

LAGRANGE — John O. Strombeck, 87, of Wolcottville died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at 12:30 a.m. in LaGrange Community Hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Strombeck was in military service from 1940 to 1945 and was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange.

Mr. Strombeck

He owned and operated a service station for over 30 years in Wolcottville.

He was born Aug. 4, 1916, to John O. Sr. and Elizabeth (Buel) Strombeck in Fort Wayne.

He married Betty Meyer on March 17, 1942, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife and two brothers, Herbert Strombeck of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Richard Strombeck of Clearwater, Fla.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

There will be no service or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange.

Mary Reuter

AUBURN — Mary E. Reuter, 88, of Auburn died Friday, April 2, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reuter worked for Reuter's Restaurant for 22 years in Auburn until 1975 and was also a receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 21, 1915, to Lester and Bell (Reyeff) Shirley in Sherwood, Ohio.

She married Richard K. Reuter in Hicksville, Ohio, on Sept. 29, 1935. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard C. and Donna Reuter of Trinity, Fla., and Thomas G. and Julia Reuter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Pamela Page of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Robert Skinner of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Dorthea Shirely of Georgia; six grandchildren, Cheri Wigeman, Lisa Murfitt, Shawn Page, Kimberly Gauck, Nick Reuter and Derek Reuter; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother; a sister; a son-in-law, Jerry D. Page; and her parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be 6-8 p.m. Monday and 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ronnie Tuttle Sr.

ASHLEY — Ronnie Tuttle Sr., 58, of Ashley, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Mr. Tuttle was a mechanic and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a dispatcher and a member of the Hudson Fire Department and a member of New Life Baptist Church of Ashley.

He was born in Knott County, Ky., on Jan. 30, 1946, to Andrew and Angeline (Thornsbeary) Tuttle.

He married Mary Huff on July 11, 1964. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Zina and Bernie Wogoman of Pleasant Lake, NuWanda "Fuzzy" and Joe Sturgill of Hudson and Lois Hanni of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie Jr. and Kelly Tuttle of Waterloo and Keith and Joni Griffith of Auburn; a brother, Bill Ray Tuttle of Rogersville, Tenn.; three sisters, Immogene Short of Rogersville, Tenn., Olliejean Johnson of Wayland, Ky.; and Nellafay Green of Waynesboro, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren, Mandy and Brandon Burger, Juston, Cody, Dakota, Bo, Noél, Jessica, Tiffany, Sarah, Bailey, Grace, Karasha, Amber, Madison, Micheal and Mataya; and one great-grandchild, Paige Burger.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alex; a grandson, Christian; six brothers and one sister.

Graveside services will be at noon Tuesday at Trinity Cemetery with Pastor Jamey Clauson officiating.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Monday, April 5, 2004

Wilma Wolf

WATERLOO — Wilma Wolf, 89, died Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Mrs. Wolf was a homemaker and a graduate of Edgerton (Ohio) High School

She was born April 22, 1914, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Carl and Vertie (Kaiser) Olds.

She married George Wolf on Nov. 22, 1936, in Fort Wayne. He died May 3, 1995.

Surviving are one daughter, Anna Lee Weilbaker of Crown Point; a brother, Ronald Olds of Butler; two brothers-in-law, Don Wolf and Ned Wolf, both of Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law, Maxine Van Horn of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, Ginger and Michael Dawley, Gary and Jennie Weilbaker, Gina and Jake Garland and Gail Weilbaker; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents and husband, was one son-in-law, James Weilbaker.

Private family services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetry at New Haven.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research, c/o The Fund for John Hopkins Medicine, One Charles Center, 100 N. Charles St., Suite 400, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Naomi Bartels

FORT WAYNE — Naomi Bartels, 95, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Townhouse Retirement Community.

She was a food server with Fort Wayne Community Schools, retiring in 1972.

A Huntington County native, she was a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star 432 and a member of the Crescent Avenue United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two nieces, Berdene Norris (and her husband, Dean) of Auburn and Wilma Scoby of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clarence, in 1985; one sister and one niece.

A chapel service will begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrected and additional information.*

Mary Reuter

AUBURN — Mary E. Reuter, 88, of Auburn died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reuter and her husband were co-owners of Reuter's Restaurant in Auburn for 22 years until 1975. She also was a receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 21, 1915, in Sherwood, Ohio, to Lester and Belle (Reyeff) Shirley.

She married Richard K. Reuter in Hicksville, Ohio, on Sept. 29, 1935. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard C. and Donna Reuter of Trinity, Fla., and Thomas G. and Julia Reuter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Pamela Page of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Robert Skinner of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Dorthea Shirley of Georgia; six grandchildren, Cheri Wiegman, Lisa Murfitt, Sean Page, Kimberly Gauck, Nicholas Reuter and Derek Reuter; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother; a sister; a son-in-law, Jerry D. Page; and her parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a Methodist church of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Monday, April 5, 2004

RICHARD H. SHANNON, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at home. Born in Fort Wayne, he was a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, registered Architect and Emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects; a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge #155, and a United States Army Veteran of World War II. He attended Faith Baptist Church. Having worked with several local Architectural firms, he retired as Vice President with Architectural Concepts, in 1986. His work involved commercial, educational, religious, health care, and residential buildings. He was the designer of St. Jude's Church while with Strauss & Associates. Survivors include his wife, Linda L; stepsons, Randall (Joyce) Oliver and David (Melinda) Field; step grandchildren Dawn (Chris) Black, Wade Oliver, Jessica and Jason Field and Chadd and Marcy Pierce; three step-great-grandchildren; and nephews, Pat Ripley, Tim Friedrich and John Friedrich. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly Joan Umbenhower; and sister, Dorothy Ripley. **Service was 11 a.m. today with calling one hour prior at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.** Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Memorials to Michael J. Fox Parkinson Research at Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 477, New York, NY, 10163.

Shannon

Edythe Nartker

KENDALLVILLE — Edythe Mae (Franze) Nartker, 86, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at 5:20 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

Mrs. Nartker was a lifetime Kendallville resident. She had worked in food service at McCray Memorial Hospital for eight years and joined the food service unit at Kendallville High School in 1959. She retired in 1975 as director of food service at East Noble High School.

Mrs. Nartker

She was a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a member and past president of the Immaculate Conception Rosary Sodality. She was a member of Harvest House, Ladies of the Elks, American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary and the Live and Learn Extension Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Nartker enjoyed music and dancing, especially to Elvis Presley. She enjoyed shopping, clothes, wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla., going out to dinner with friends and following her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events. Her life was devoted to her family and friends.

She was born June 25, 1917, in Kendallville to William F. and Edythe A. (Diamond) Franze.

On April 15, 1942, in Kendallville, she married Clarence W. Nartker. He died Sept. 17, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Edward and Gail Nartker of Fort Wayne and Dennis Michael Nartker of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Marianna and Jim Reick of Rome City; a brother, Frank Franze of Auburn; a sister, Faye Creager of Auburn; five grandchildren, Beth Anne and Dean Hoffman of Scottsdale, Ariz., Babette Weick of Fort Wayne, Natalie and Michael Axel of Kendallville, Brett Nartker of Auburn, and Derrick Reick of Kendallville; and seven great-grandchildren, Daniel Haisley of Fort Wayne, Lucas Weick of Fort Wayne, Hailey Hoffman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Drew Sparkman, Trevor Sparkman, Jordan Axel and Benjaman Axel, all of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Richard, Everett, William, Herman and Devereau Franze; and three sisters, Marie Hosler, Ruth Doub and Jeanette Cox.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall of the church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

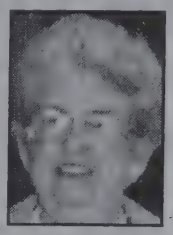
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Rosary Sodality or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Julia Barraia

GARRETT — Julia F. Barraia, 89, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at 9:32 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Barraia was a supervisor at Illinois Bell Telephone and was a former resident of Hobart. She had lived in Garrett for nine months.



Mrs. Barraia

She was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Ogden, Ill., to Rudolph J. Rodgers and Ora Wilson.

She married Jerome Joseph Barraia on Feb. 11, 1986, in Florida. He died in 1986.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, James and Suzette Rodgers of Garrett; a sister-in-law, Christine Rodgers of Garrett; and a great-niece, Sarah Rodgers of Garrett.

A brother, Dean Rodgers, preceded her in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be Thursday in the Holy Sepulchre, Worth, Ill.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Koontz

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. "Bob" Koontz, 54, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born Dec. 15, 1949, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was a Fort Wayne resident for most of his life. He worked at Best Buy, where he was a former employee of the month. He also had worked for Goodrich, retiring in 1997 after 30 years of service.

He was a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and was a member of American Legion Post 47 and Calvary Chapel of Auburn. He enjoyed playing golf at Canterbury Green, playing the guitar and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Koontz of Fort Wayne; a son, Joseph Koontz of Fort Wayne; six daughters, Krishna Koontz, Kim Emmons and Tina McBride, all of Fort Wayne, Dawn Jaderany of Indianapolis, Becky Keil of West Bloomfield, Mich., and Amy Knapp of Norton Shores, Mich.; a sister, Mary Whitehead of Philadelphia; 19 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling is tonight from 7-9 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Leroy Close

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Leroy B. Close, 88, of Port Richey, Fla., died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Hernando-Pasco Hospice House in New Port Richey, Fla.

Born in Marion, Ind., he moved to Port Richey from DeKalb County in 1995.

He was retired from his work as machinist for Warner-Motive in Auburn with more than 35 years of service.

He was founder of the DeKalb County United Way and was past president of the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross. From 1947 to 1958 he was Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 169 in Auburn. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for more than 20 years and volunteered for the Good Samaritan Clinic for the past five years. He was a member of Beacon Community Church in New Port Richey.

Surviving are two sons, David Close of Half Moon Bay, Calif., and Steven Close of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a daughter, Karen Hundley of New Port Richey; a sister, Frances Armstrong of Columbus, Ind., five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be private.

Pauline Reese

FREMONT — Pauline B. Reese, 99, of Fremont, died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Reese was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and her roses.

She was born Aug. 13, 1904, in Steuben County, to John H. and Mary (Beigh) Clark.

She married to Kenneth C. Reese on April 3, 1926. He died Oct. 27, 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Vera Lou Reese of Garrett; two cousins, Robert "Rob" Hamilton and Joann Hamilton, both of Fremont; and several other cousins.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home of Fremont. Calling is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery of Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Brandon Vogel

FREMONT — Brandon Michael Vogel, 12, of Fremont, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Steuben County.

He was born in Angola on Jan. 20, 1992, to Robert T. and Robin R. (Aldrich) Vogel. He attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, and was a student at Fremont Middle School, where he was active in band and chorus.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Robert and Dori (Snyder) Vogel of Edon, Ohio; his mother, Robin Vogel of Fremont; his brother, Ryan Vogel of Fremont; a half-sister, Faith Vogel of Edon; two half-brothers, Hunter and Grady Vogel, both of Edon; a stepbrother, Adam Mesker of Paulding, Ohio; paternal grandparents Vern and Dorothy Vogel and maternal grandparents Roger and Rowena Aldrich, all of Paulding; and his godparents, Debbie and John Lynch of Fremont.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating.

Calling is 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday with a wake service at 6 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Grover Hill, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

Justin Vogel

FREMONT — Justin Robert Vogel, 17, of Fremont, died Sunday, April 4, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Steuben County.

He was born in Angola on April 16, 1986, to Robert T. and Robin R. (Aldrich) Vogel. He attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and was a student at Fremont High School, where he was active in football and the drama club.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Robert and Dori (Snyder) Vogel of Edon, Ohio; his mother, Robin Vogel of Fremont; his brother, Ryan Vogel of Fremont; a half-sister, Faith Vogel of Edon; two half-brothers, Hunter and Grady Vogel, both of Edon; a stepbrother, Adam Mesker of Paulding, Ohio; paternal grandparents Vern and Dorothy Vogel and maternal grandparents Roger and Rowena Aldrich, all of Paulding; and his godparents, Craig Dobbelaere and Robin Dobbelaere.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Calling is 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday with a wake service at 6 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery at Grover Hill, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

Wednesday, April 7, 2004

Russell Teegardin

BUTLER — Russell Teegardin, 32, of Butler died Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Bonnie Morton

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnie L. Morton, 58, of Kendallville died Monday, April 5, 2004, at 8 a.m. in her home.

Born June 23, 1945, she worked as a waitress and had lived in Kendallville for five years.

She is survived by her mother, Maxine (Thompson) Franks of Garrett; a son, Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cecillia Dillinger of Seattle, Wash.; a granddaughter, Nikki Dillinger, and a grandson, Kenny Dillinger, both of Seattle: two brothers, Larry Custer and Daniel Custer, both of Garrett; and a sister, Connie Custer.

She was preceded in death by her father, Greg Custer Sr.; a brother, Greg Custer Jr.; and a sister, Sharon Custer.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Chad Brock officiating.

Calling is Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect).

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Russell Teegardin

BUTLER — Russell A. Teegardin, 32, of Butler died Monday, April 5, 2004, at 6:22 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Teegardin was a carpenter. He was born Aug. 6, 1971, in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are his father, Arthur Y. Teegardin of Sherwood, Ohio; his mother, Ruth Ann Eck of Butler; a son, Blake Teegardin of Butler; a daughter, Chelsea Teegardin of Butler, a brother, J.J. Teegardin of Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, Laurie Coburn of Butler and Loretta Mock of Ney, Ohio; and his stepmother, Lois Teegardin.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Pauline Eck and Darrell and Mildred Teegardin.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Scott Miner officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

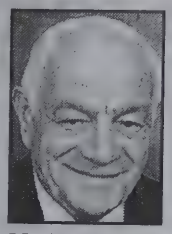
Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

George Mansfield

AUBURN — George W. Mansfield, 83, of rural Auburn died Monday, April, 5, 2004, at 7:30 a.m. in his home.

A lifetime Auburn resident, Mr. Mansfield was a facility engineer at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles, Elks, Moose and a Fourth Degree member of Knights of Columbus. He also formerly resided in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Mr. Mansfield

He was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Auburn to George A. and Helen (Abel) Mansfield. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Rosie E. Thompson June 30, 1947, in Spencerville. She died Oct. 10, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Lampe of Auburn and Denise Storck of Waterloo; five sons, George Mansfield of Fort Wayne, William "Mike" Mansfield of Churubusco, Joseph Mansfield of Butler, James Mansfield of Nashville, Tenn., and Jerry E. Houlton of Angola; a brother, Charles Mansfield of Garrett; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Corinne Mansfield, Alda Hovarter and Evelyn Pritchett.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Kenneth Amstutz Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth H. Amstutz Sr., 88, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at 2 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Amstutz was a farmer and had worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 28 years. He had lived in the Avilla and Kendallville area since 1950, moving from Monroeville.

Mr. Amstutz

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharist minister. He was also a member of Harvest House, the Holy Name Society, and the Sympathy Club at Dana.

Mr. Amstutz was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Decatur to William and Sophia (Zybenden) Amstutz.

In February 1939, he married Meletine Boyle. She died Dec. 11, 1973.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley and David Cory of Albion, Sharon Fulk of Albion and Mona and Barry Ruble of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Jr. and Karen Amstutz of Avilla, Michael and Linda Amstutz of Auburn and Richard and Nancy Amstutz of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Scheimen of Florida; 30 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Mendenhall; a son, Daniel Amstutz; three sisters, Stella Hall, Rose Kaiser and Freda Lewton; four brothers, Ervin, Elmer, Fred and Everett Amstutz; and three grandchildren, David Amstutz, Shelley Webster and Lisa Kreiger; and a great-grandson, Richard Perkins.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, where a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today. Additional calling will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice or to masses through the church.

Friday, April 9, 2004

Kevin Musser

FREMONT — Kevin L. Musser, 41, of Fremont, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, in Kinderhook Township, Mich.

He was a salesman for Mr. Tunes in Coldwater, Mich. He loved to hunt and fish and ride his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. His family said he brought joy and laughter into everyone's life and will be missed forever.

He was born July 5, 1962, in Angola, to Larry and June (Gleason) Musser. His parents survive.

Also surviving are a son, Collin Musser, of Orland; a daughter, Amanda, of Fort Wayne; his grandmother, Myrtle Gleason of Fremont; two brothers, Ted Musser of Fremont and Michael Musser of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Dottie Neely of Fremont and Lisa Taylor of Angola; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Cummins

HARLAN — Robert A. Cummins, 63, died Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Mr. Cummins was a self-employed paint contractor for 35 years and was a security guard. He was born at Wolf Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel T. Cummins; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Teresa Cummins of Auburn and James and Terri Cummins of Harlan; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanie and Dan Kraly of Antwerp, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Sarah, Josh, Maggie, Tim, Abby, Chris, Matt, Bethany, Tom and Jenna; two great-grandchildren, Tess and Isaac; two brothers, Larry and John; and two sisters, Peg and Kay.

Services be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Central Mennonite Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Delagrange officiating. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County and Parkview Home Health.

Don Taylor

AUBURN — Don R. Taylor, 72, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Taylor

Born in Galion, Ohio, Mr. Taylor was a retired funeral director and manager for D.O. McComb & Sons with 40 years of service, retiring in 1999.

He loved square dancing and was involved with Caller Lab for 30 years and the National Square Dance Caller Association. He co-owned the Midwest Caller School in Auburn from 1984 to 2000.

He was a member of DeKalb Lodge 214 F&AM. An adjunct instructor at the University of St. Francis for the past five years, he also was a Civil War enthusiast and an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Taylor of Auburn; three daughters, Marcia Lynn Souers of Auburn, Colette L. Cuomo of McDonough, Ga., and Bethanne Warwick Taylor of Louisville, Ky.; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Alva W. Taylor and Evelyn Taylor of Elyria, Ohio; and two nephews, Alan R. Taylor of Atlanta, Ga., and David R. Taylor of Hartford, Conn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. There will be no calling on Easter Sunday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park at Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Friday, April 9, 2004

Steven Wicker

FREMONT — Steven Craig Wicker, 43, of Fremont, died Friday, April 2, 2004, in Monterrey, Mexico, while on vacation.

Mr. Wicker was a self-employed truck driver and an avid golfer. He attended the Fremont Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness.

He was born July 24, 1960, in Lima, Ohio, to Melvin and Oma (Handshoe) Wicker.

He married Peggy Shirely on May 16, 1998, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Melissa Anthonysamy and Kristen Wicker, both of Fremont; a son, Steven Michael Wicker of Fremont; three stepchildren, Daniel and Donald Dennis of Butler and Alyssa Dennis of Fremont; four brothers, Franklin Nester of Fremont, Woodrow Wicker and Babe Wicker, both of Houston, Texas, and Cloyd Wicker of Butler; two sisters, Judy Stark of Lima and Teresa Kay Waterman of Angola; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Melvin Darrell and Bobby Gene Wicker, and a sister, Frieda Joyce Wicker.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Calling is today from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to Wickerfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information.*

George Mansfield

GARRETT — George W. Mansfield, 83, died Monday, April, 5, 2004, at 7:30 a.m. in his home in Butler Township.

A lifetime Garrett resident, Mr. Mansfield was a facility engineer at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 36 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles, Elks, Moose and a Fourth Degree member of Knights of Columbus. He also formerly resided in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Mansfield

He was born Feb. 11, 1921, in Auburn to George A. and Helen (Abel) Mansfield. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Rosie E. Thompson June 30, 1947, in Spencerville. She died Oct. 10, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Lampe of Auburn and Denise Storck of Waterloo; five sons, George Mansfield of Fort Wayne, William "Mike" Mansfield of Churubusco, Joseph Mansfield of Butler, James Mansfield of Nashville, Tenn., and Jerry E. Houlton of Angola; a brother, Charles Mansfield of Garrett; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Corinne Mansfield, Alda Hovarter and Evelyn Pritchett.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church at Garrett. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

John Riggs

BUTLER — John P. Riggs, 89, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his home in rural Butler.

Mr. Riggs was a lifetime farmer. He was a custodian for DeKalb Central Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Mr. Riggs

He was born March 31, 1915, in LaGrange County to John P. and Edith (Rickerd) Riggs.

On Dec. 23, 1939, he married D. Irene Sechler in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Dianne Riggs of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nadean and Gerald Nicholas of Auburn and SusAnn and Donald Ludeker of Butler; two brothers, two sisters, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, three stepgreat-grandchildren and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

His parents, seven sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Florabelle Sheehy

WATERLOO — Florabelle Kuehn Sheehy, 100, died Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Mrs. Sheehy was a teacher in the area for 38 years, retiring from the Waterloo school in 1969.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Waterloo Eastern Star, the Stitch and Chatter Club, the Minerva Club and the Retired Teachers Association. She was a former member of the Kappa Delta Phi national sorority.

She was born Nov. 2, 1903, in Franklin Township to Cyrus Dixon and Sarah Isabelle Jackman.

She married Charles Kuehn in June, 1929, and he died in March, 1961.

She married J. Edward Sheehy in August 1965. He died in November 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Sonia Kahl Alexander of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Betty Sue Hillman of Tucson, Ariz.; six stepgrandchildren, nine stepgreat-grandchildren and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and five brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-6 p.m. and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or the Betz Nursing Home Activities Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Jerry Kurtz

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jerry Kurtz, 53, died March 29, 2004, at his home in Hicksville.

Mr. Kurtz was self-employed, working in steel construction. He was a 1969 graduate of Woodlan High School.

He was born May 1, 1950, in Fort Wayne to Robert L. and Bess E. (Applegate) Kurtz. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Mary Kurtz of Harlan and Don and Jewell Kurtz of Haviland, Ohio; 15 nieces and nephews and two great-nieces.

Services will be Monday at noon (Indiana time) in Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Clarence Zimmerman will officiate.

Calling will be Monday from 8 a.m. to noon (Indiana times).

Burial will be in the Harlan Cemetery.

Claire Gilbert

AUBURN — Claire Kathryn (Dicks) Gilbert, 80, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

Born in Jackson, Mich., she was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Chapel of Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carole and John M. Petre of Auburn and Wanda Gilbert of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Lauren J. and Cheryl Gilbert of Corunna; three grandchildren Amanda Woodruff of Clarkston, Mich., and Ryan Gilbert and Rachelle Gilbert, both of Corunna; two brothers, John Anterup and Don Matheny, both of North Carolina; and a sister, Rosemary Bowman of Auburn.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handling arrangements.

Sunday, April 11, 2004

Edward Morse

FREMONT — Edward L. Morse, 58, of Fremont died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Morse was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont, retiring in 2003.

Mr. Morse

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

He was born Oct. 19, 1945, in Wyandotte, Mich., to William S. and Ella (Stamm) Morse.

He married Brenda Parsons on Sept. 1, 1989, in Fremont. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Patty Fugate, Wendy Emerick, Krystal Morse and Bridget and Donald Imse, all of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deannie Morse of Hicksville, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, Ashley, Lacey, Brandy, James, Shalyn, Brandon, Amber and John.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Dave Rose officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mabel Coulter

FORT WAYNE — Mabel A. Coulter, 91, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Evia 'Ruth' Taner

ANGOLA — Evia "Ruth" Taner, 78, of Angola died, Thursday, April 8, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Taner had worked for Electrical Cord Sets in Angola, retiring after 15 years. She also was a homemaker and had worked as a waitress.

She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Taner was a loving mother who enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Mrs. Taner

She was born Jan. 10, 1926, in St. Joseph County to Clarence and Nina (Dunham) Ayers.

She married Robert Taner on Feb. 21, 1946. He preceded her in death July 5, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ed McMillen of Angola; two sons, Carl Taner of Angola and Leslie Taner of Lafayette; a sister, Ramona Gehring of Wolcottville; a brother, Larry Ayers of Jonesville, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; five sister, Beatrice, Mary, Doris, Clare and Naomi; and five brothers, Allen, Raymond, Earnest, Richard and Wayne Ayers.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Flint United Methodist Church, 510 N. C.R. 750W, Flint. Pastor James Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 2050 Pfingsten Road, Suite 127, Glenview, IL 60025.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday, April 11, 2004

Kelli Bidlack

ANGOLA — Kelli Ann Bidlack, 11, of Angola, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Steuben County.

Miss Bidlack was born Dec. 5, 1992, in DeKalb County to Douglas and Heidi (Bowerman) Bidlack. Both of her parents survive.

Bidlack

She was a home-schooled student, and was in the fifth grade. She was a Christian, and accepted Christ as her savior last summer. She enjoyed doing crafts, knitting and crocheting. She loved animals.

Also surviving are three brothers, Luke, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, all at home; a sister, Gina Bidlack, at home; her maternal grandmother, Rose Bowerman of Ashley; a paternal grandfather, Walter Bidlack of Angola; and great-grandmothers Lois Bidlack of Defiance, Ohio, and Garnette Baumgardner of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Gerald Bowerman, and her paternal grandmother, Martha Bidlack.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in North Otsego Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department or Grace Christian Church.

Monday, April 12, 2004
NO LOCAL DEATHS

Merval Hayes

Merval EuGene Hayes, 67, of Hudson, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hayes worked for Vet Poultry Supply in Goshen, and was also an independent insurance agent.

Mr. Hayes

He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge No. 614, and was a member of Grace Christian Church. He was also president of the Hudson Planning Commission. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was active as a helper in his church and community.

Mr. Hayes was born June 6, 1936, in Wabash County, to Lavern and Mary (Foust) Hayes.

He was married to Atta "Tatsy" Bradford on Aug. 16, 1963, in Goshen, and she survives. Mrs. Hayes is the clerk-treasurer in Hudson.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa A. Hayes of Sherman, Texas; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald L. and Lauren Hayes of Sherman, Brian E. and Robin Hayes of Hudson and Brice E. and Michelle Hayes of Helmer; a brother and sister-in-law, Merrill and Linda Hayes; and six grandchildren, Crystal Allison, Summer Hayes, Sierra Hayes, Kelsie Hayes, Logan Hayes and Morgan Hayes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dale Dean Hayes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, with pastors Chris Mosley, Scott Mosley and Nathan Mosley officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m. in the church

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery of Stroh.

Rev. Erling Aaserud

AUBURN — The Rev. Erling D. Aaserud, 61, of Auburn died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was a retired Evangelical Lutheran Church in America pastor. He served several congregations in Patricksburg and Holland, Ind., and Bridgewater, Mich.

He was born June 23, 1942, in Mayville, N.D., to Otto Cornelius Aaserud and Martha Ericka (Lima) Aaserud. They preceded him in death.

He married Marlene Peterson on Aug. 5, 1967, in Cambridge, Minn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Micki Aaserud of Otwell, Ind., and Dan and Melanie Aaserud of Winslow, Ind.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sara and Darren McKown of Auburn and Elizabeth Aaserud of Tampa, Fla.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Martin Aaserud of Fargo, N.D., Oswald and Martha Aaserud of Las Vegas, Nev., and Clarence and Karen Aaserud of Edgewood, Wash.; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Edna Erickson of Langdon, N.D., Agnes and Orville Kalvik of Hannaford, N.D., Helen Aaserud of Fargo, N.D., Gladys and John Aasen of Grand Forks, N.D., and Marie and Richard Brauer of Reseda, Calif.; and six grandchildren, Johnny Hayes, Shannon Hayes and Sydney, Dane, Courtney and Ethan McKown.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn. The Rev. Bob Herman will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God to be used for missions or to Lutheran Bible Translators.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Justin Nofzinger

AUBURN — Justin Michael Nofzinger of Auburn, an infant, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are his parents, Jennifer and Sean Nofzinger of Auburn; two sisters, Grace Elizabeth and Jordan Nicole Nofzinger of Auburn; a maternal grandfather and stepgrandmother, John and Cheri McKoon of Garrett; and two grandmothers, Carol McKoon of Kokomo and Peggy Smock of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Rex Nofzinger.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Lenora Witt

AUBURN — Lenora M. (Osborn) Chittenden Witt, 96, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Born in Marion County, Ind., she was a homemaker, a graduate of New Augusta High School in New Augusta, Ind., and a member of the Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a past president and district president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Mrs. Witt

Surviving are a son, Don Chittenden of Auburn; a daughter, Dora J. Chittenden of Garrett; five grandchildren, Tammy Johnson of Garrett, Kimberly Kessler of Auburn, Mike Chittenden of Garrett, Sandra Stevens of Garrett and Brian Chittenden of Farmer, Ohio; and two sisters, Gertrude Holmes and Genevieve Busenbarrich.

She was preceded in death by a son, E. Hugh Chittenden; two daughters, Virginia M. Chittenden and Peggy Chittenden; and a brother, Francis M. Osborn.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Fund.

James Clouse

HUDSON — James E. "Jim" Clouse, 43, of Hudson died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at 8:28 p.m. in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Clouse worked at Covington Box in Waterloo for 20 years and had served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Oct. 13, 1960, in Fort Wayne to James E. Clouse Sr. and Thelma (Keller) Clouse.

He married Kim Shibler on June 3, 1989, in the Salem Center Presbyterian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons Kyle Clouse and Corey Shibler, both at home; his father and stepmother, James E. Clouse Sr. and Theo Clouse of rural Hudson; a brother, William, of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Diana Miller of Wolcottville, Darlene Leaders of Hudson and Debby Marker of Gas City; five stepsisters, Linda Powell, Barbara Boose, Marsha Huguenard and Cynthia Lepley, all of Waterloo, and Annette Timmis of Lima, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday after 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's education fund.

Donald Mavis

DECATUR — Donald E. Mavis, 73, of Decatur, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at 1:25 p.m. in Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Mavis was a former resident of Hamilton. He had worked as a tool and tie maker at Rieke Corp. of Auburn for 43 years.

He was born Dec. 6, 1930, in Auburn to Trevor and Dorothy (Cool) Mavis. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

He married M. Eileen Carpenter on Jan. 26, 1952, in Hamilton. She died Nov. 5, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda E. and Larry Eckerley of Decatur and Sherry Guinn of Fort Wayne; a brother, Darrel Mavis of Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Evelyn Greenfield and Ellen Wood, both of Auburn; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Dale Mavis, and one sister, Elenor Mitchell.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Betty Lewis

FORT WAYNE — Betty Winn McCollough Lewis, 89, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

She had attended Indiana University, majoring in music and home economics. She sang on WOWO radio.

Surviving are two daughters, Janlee Winn Myers of Fort Wayne and Michelle Robing (Russell) King of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren, John Michael Lewis of Lima, Ohio, Thomas Lee Myers of Fort Wayne, Joni Winn McCart of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Heather Winn Lewis Gaff of Hamilton; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Irvin W. Lewis; a son, Shannon John Lewis; and a brother, Robert Winn McCollough.

Services were at 8 a.m. today in the Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, with private burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) or the Fort Wayne Animal Shelter.

Norma Hoelle

FORT WAYNE — Norma J. Hoelle, 76, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Kingston Care Center.

A native of Van Wert, Ohio, she had worked at General Electric for 14 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie Thielking of Bass Lake, Angola; two sons Kim Hoelle of Chandler Ariz., and Kelly Hoelle of Auburn; a sister, June Mueller of Fort Wayne; five stepchildren; five grandchildren, 17 stepgrandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 17 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Edward Franklin Hoelle; and sisters Donna Johnson and Elsie Cornwell.

Services wil be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Marie Olds

CORONA, Calif. — Marie Olds, 88, of Corona died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Life Care Center in Corona.

Mrs. Olds was a homemaker and had lived in Corona six years.

She was born April 7, 1915, in DeKalb County, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Olds.

Surviving are a son, James Olds of Crestline; two daughters, Sally Barr of Lake Elsinore and Kathy Wise of Texas; two sisters, Joanna Vancil of Tulsa, Okla., and Margaret Dilgard of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 21, at Thomas Miller Mortuary.

Theodore Charles

FORT WAYNE — Theodore Charles, 91, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Hospice Home.

He retired in 1980 as director of prison industries for the State of Indiana. He formerly had been a building contractor.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Wappes of Hamilton and Karen Bell of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

His wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death in 2002.

Services will be at 7 tonight in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Floral Park Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ascension Lutheran Church or Hospice Home.

William Smith

FORT WAYNE — William B. Smith, 56, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his home.

A native of Fort Wayne, he was a driver for Gopher Delivery.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of American Legion Post 241.

Surviving are his father, Paul Roberson of Garrett; a son, Rodney Smith; daughters Tanya, Heather and Amber Smith, all of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and a brother, Jim Smith of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military services by American Legion Post 241.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Hazel Mankowski

ALTONA — Hazel M. Mankowski, 98, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 3:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She was a lifetime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla eight years ago.

Mrs. Mankowski

Mrs. Mankowski was a homemaker. She was a charter member and past president of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, REAC and DeKalb Retired Citizens. She was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church and the Methodist Women.

Born March 22, 1906, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of Jesse E. and Ora E. (Jimerson) Foster.

On July 10, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich., she married Michael Mankowski. He died March 31,1982.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Allen Haney of Kendallville and Margaret and Richard Schemehorn of Wolcottville; a brother, Frank Foster of Kendallville; two grandsons, Mike Haney of Kendallville and Bruce Schemehorn of Fishers; three granddaughters, Tina Armstrong of West Lafayette, Dr. Tisa Ladd of Kokomo; and Cheryl Cook of Plymouth; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, George Foster; a granddaughter, Paula Haney; and a great-grandson, Mark Haney.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Deborah Jola

HAMILTON — Deborah E. Jola, 53, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at her Hamilton home.

Mrs. Jola retired Nov. 3, 2000, from T.I. Group Automotive of Ashley.

She was born April 14, 1950, in Weymouth, Mass. Her stepfather and mother, Arther L. French Sr. and Helen Joyce Benedict French, preceded her in death.

She married James Jola on March 5, 1999. He survives in Hamilton.

Survivors also include a half-brother, Arthur French of Waltham, Mass., and a half-sister, Helen Marie Donovan of North Quincy, Mass.

Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. No other services are planned.

Memorials are to the family.

Friday, April 16, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with a corrected spelling for a relative's name.*

Deborah Jola

HAMILTON — Deborah E. Jola, 53, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at her Hamilton home.

Mrs. Jola retired Nov. 3, 2000, from T.I. Group Automotive of Ashley.

She was born April 14, 1950, in Weymouth, Mass. Her stepfather and mother, Arthur L. French Sr. and Helen Joyce Benedict French, preceded her in death.

She married James Jola on March 5, 1999. He survives in Hamilton.

Survivors also include a half-brother, Arthur French of Waltham, Mass., and a half-sister, Helen Marie Donovan of North Quincy, Mass.

Calling was today from 10 a.m. to noon at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. No other services are planned.

Memorials are to the family.

Hana Wells

CORUNNA — Hana Fae Wells was stillborn Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 5:35 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, Steven and Vanessa Wells of Corunna; grandparents Charles and Joanne McClelland of Tafford, Pa., Sandy Wells of Mooresville and Ray and Donna Wells of Martinsville; uncles, aunts, cousins and numerous friends.

Services will be at the family residence in Garrett today.

Flowers and cards may be sent in care of Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, which is handling arrangements.

Kenneth Crowe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kenneth M. Crowe, 86, of Wolcottville died April 15, 2004, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Crowe was a 50-year member of Garrett Masonic Lodge and spent his life working on the railroad in Garrett. He worked for the B&O and CSX railroads, retiring Jan. 8, 1978.

He then moved to Wolcottville where he joined Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Crow was born July 16, 1917, to Irvin and Mary Elizabeth (Pfeiffer) Crowe in Nappanee, where he was raised, graduating from Nappanee High School in 1935.

He married Maxine L. Richcreek on Aug. 27, 1937, at First Brethren Church in Nappanee. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, David Crowe of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and James Chevalier of Central Valley, N.Y.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Crowe of Bremen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lilly Pippen.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher and Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee and Monday from 10-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sunday, April 18, 2004

Dorris Kennedy

LAGRANGE — Dorris Marie Kennedy, 84, died at 9:48 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy was the retired owner of Kennedy Oil Co. in LaGrange.

She was born April 16, 1920, in Reading, Mich., to Fred and Iva (Northum) Ford. She married John E. Kennedy on April 29, 1939, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1996.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Lore Kennedy of LaGrange; two sisters, Jennie Halsey of Angola and Violet Curtis of Kentland; two grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Darin Archbold and Jeffrey and Jennifer Kennedy, all of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, Braydon Kennedy, Jake Archbold, Taylor Archbold and Paige Archbold, all of Fort Wayne; and a good friend, Jack Garner.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna German and Evelyn Leas.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Michael Booher will officiate.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Evelyn Deer

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn W. Deer, 95, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Deer

Before retiring in 1972, Mrs. Deer was an elementary school teacher at Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., for 18 years. She had learned Braille during World War II in order to transcribe for blind service veterans.

She moved to Kendallville in 1974, moved back to Massachusetts to marry her third husband, then returned to live in Kendallville after his death. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and a participant in the St. John Lutheran Church Bible Study Group in Kendallville.

Her hobby was knitting for family, friends and charitable causes, a practice she began as a child, during World War I, making scarves and socks for American soldiers. She continued knitting until recently, when she became ill. Last year, she knitted 100 caps for charity.

She was born at home Nov. 30, 1908, in Watertown, Mass., to Joseph S. and Lilla J. (Ames) Winslow. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1927 and from Lesley College in 1930 with a certificate in elementary education. She married Robert A. Moore on May 28, 1932, in Watertown, married James H. Hood Jr. on Nov. 30, 1964, in Watertown and married Wendell H. Deer on Dec. 17, 1994, in Chatham, Mass. All her husbands preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger W. and Joyce Moore of Nashua, N.H., and Alvin R. and Judy Moore of Kendallville; a stepson and daughter-in-law, James H. Hood III and Carol Hood of Hobe Sound, Fla.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jane and Don Pottratz of North Palm Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Laurence Winslow.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Stow, Mass.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Monday, April 19, 2004

Mildred Blust

AVILLA — Mildred G. Blust, 93, of Avilla died at 1 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Blust was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Noble County. She grew up in Kendallville and lived her adult life in Avilla.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Rosary Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading and animals.

Mrs. Blust was born Sept. 3, 1910, in Kendallville to Henry and Rose Marie (Pfefferkorn) Schmidt.

On Oct. 9, 1934, in Kendallville, she married Lawrence L. Blust. He died June 25, 1981.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Frances Blust of Fort Wayne, and Thomas and Beverly Blust and Paul and Rosemary Blust, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Rose Marie and Harry Brumbaugh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Schmidt of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Donna Schmidt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Karl, David, Scott and Tim Blust, Kari Sue Marti and Danielle Franks; five great-grandchildren, Zachary and Joey Blust, Christopher Marti and Andrew and Matthew Franks.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Paul Schmidt; and two sisters, Margaret Neal and Irene Fryhover.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, where a rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or Masses.

Lyn Alleshouse

KENDALLVILLE — Lyn L. Alleshouse, 61, of Kendallville died at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Alleshouse was a lifetime area resident and had retired in 2003 from Hy-Matic Manufacturing after 40 years of service.

Mr. Alleshouse

He was a member of the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn and a lifetime member of the Kendallville Jaycees. He enjoyed fishing, camping and security work.

Mr. Alleshouse was born Aug. 11, 1942, in Angola to Dale and Arlene (Davis) Alleshouse. His father survives in Pleasant Lake and his mother is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Doris Alleshouse of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Donna Alleshouse and Curt and Kathy Alleshouse, all of Kendallville, and Dale and Shannon Alleshouse of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Krestina Appleman of Rome City and Kim and Dennis Irvin of Albion; a brother, Ray Alleshouse of Pleasant Lake; and 14 grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Cecil Alleshouse; and a granddaughter, Amanda Childers.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Woolard of Church of the Cornerstone officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Margaret Barkman

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Margaret E. (Wade) Barkman, 75, died April 10, 2004, at her home in Palm Harbor.

Mrs. Barkman had lived in Palm Harbor since moving from St. Joe in 1957. She was a graduate of St. Joe High School.

She was born Sept. 24, 1928, to Albert and MaDonna Wade in Hazel Park, Mich.

Surviving are a son, John J. Barkman of New Port Richey, Fla.; two brothers, Albert E. Wade of Fort Wayne and Franklyn Wade of Woodburn; three sisters, Marcia Sible and Marlyn Funk, both of St. Joe, and Sally Wolfe of Auburn; and two grandsons, Shaun and Gregory Barkman, both of New Port Richey, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Barkman; and one sister, Beverly Bell.

LaVerne Wells

LAGRANGE — Graveside memorial services for LaVerne Wells, 80, of LaGrange will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Robert Bowersox officiating.

Military graveside services will be provided by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mrs. Wells died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had retired from the bookkeeping department of Farmers State Bank in LaGrange after 32 years of service.

Mrs. Wells had lived most of her life in LaGrange and lived in Clermont, Fla., from 1988-2002.

She was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

She was born March 3, 1923, in LaGrange to N. Vern and Loesa (Omsted) Slater.

Surviving are a niece and her husband, Loesa and Robert Bowersox of Sturgis, Mich.; and two nephews and their wives, Charles R. and Sue Atkison of Garrett and Lee Roy and Linda Atkison of Norfolk, Va.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Borkowski and Martha Atkison; and a nephew, Thomas Borkowski.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Imogene LaRowe

WATERLOO — Imogene R. "Jean" LaRowe, 80, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker and a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and the Model Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Frances (Thompson) Knapp.

She married Paul LaRowe on Jan. 27, 1945, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Richard Smith of Corunna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Esther LaRowe of San Antonio, Texas, and Jeff and Cathy LaRowe of Corunna; two brothers, Norman Knapp of Sarasota, Fla., and Dale Knapp of Auburn; three sisters, Reba Sliger of Englewood, Fla., Janet Greon of Fowler, and Myrna Demske of Avilla; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Eldon and Ivan Knapp.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Doug Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Chester Smith

LAKELAND, Fla. — Chester L. Smith, 81, of Lakeland, Fla., died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Facility in Florida.

Mr. Smith was a former resident of Big Turkey Lake. He was retired from Borg-Warner Corp. in Muncie.

He was a former member of the Moose and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, A. Jenneieve Smith of Lakeland, whom he married March 14, 1962; a stepson, Ralph J. Cary of Palmyra, Tenn,; a stepdaughter, Kathy Lambert of LaGrange; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services already have been held.

Helen Litherland

AUBURN — Helen C. Litherland, 94, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Litherland was a homemaker for most of her life. When she was younger, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Batavia Center, in Branch County, Mich.

She was a 56-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 25, 1909, in Coldwater, Mich., to Ora and Mabel (Wright) Wood.

She married Herman Ott on April 19, 1930. He died Feb. 21, 1961.

She then married Donald Litherland on Nov. 22, 1963, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kareen Glaze of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Jean Boylan of Columbia City; two stepsons, Philip Litherland of Columbia City and Charles Litherland of Colon, Mich.; a sister, Dorothy Olds of Coldwater, Mich.; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lyle Ott; a daughter, Nancy Lee Ott; a brother, Hal Wood; and her parents and first husband.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Thursday, April 22, 2004

Mary Brown

AUBURN — Mary L. Brown, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 1:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown worked as a cook at several Auburn restaurants. Her last place of employment was Greenhurst Country Club.

Mrs. Brown

She was born Feb. 11, 1916, in Muncie to William and Sarah (Jones) Eiler.

On July 10, 1936, in Muncie she married Hildreth J. Brown. He died in October 1976.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Brown of Garrett, William G. Brown of Auburn and Frank J. and Geraldine Brown of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Gene Carper of Auburn; seven grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, 19 great-grandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and three stepgreat-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, John, two brothers, Chet and Orville Eiler, a sister, Ethel Wright, and her parents.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Wednesday, April 23, 2004
NO LOCAL DEATHS

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Scott Whitman

HAMILTON — Scott D. Whitman, 28, of Hamilton died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 10:13 a.m. in Butler.

Mr. Whitman was a 1994 graduate of Eastside High School. He loved to fish and hunt.

He was born Dec. 22, 1975, in Auburn.

His father, Jerry Whitman, survives in Hamilton. His mother, Kathy Likes Whitman, survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a companion, Lindsey McClure of Indianapolis; two sisters, Stacy and Stephanie Whitman, both of Butler; his maternal grandparents, DeWayne and Cyd Likes of Butler, and his paternal grandparents, Cecil Duane and Joan Whitman of Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

The funeral will be a private family service.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Linda Sessford

FREMONT — Linda Lou Sessford, 53, of Fremont died at 5:05 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Bundy in Ashley since 1996.

She was born in Garrett July 14, 1950, to Norman and Effie (Rowe) Peckhart.

On Nov. 2, 1974, she married Charles Edward Sessford.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Scott Gramling of Auburn and Bryan Gramling of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Melissa Pawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; five stepdaughters, Edwina "Wendy" Catterall of Angola, Teresa Bussing of Garrett, Roberta Leland of Garrett, Shiela Sheets of Edon, Ohio, and Veronica Sessford of Angola; two sisters, Janet Deam of Auburn and Beverly Schieber of Ashley; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 21 stepgrandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Charles William Sessford, and her parents.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Circle Cemetery of Hudson, the Rev. John Garrison officiating.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Vaughan Hadley

CHURUBUSCO — Vaughan A. Hadley, 81, a resident of rural Churubusco and LaOtto, died at 4:56 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, from complications following elective surgery.

Mr. Hadley

He had worked at General Electric Co. and Ballistran Corp., both in Fort Wayne, and retired in 1990 from Magnavox where he worked in the Auburn, Fort Wayne and Churubsco plants. He was the owner of Spee-D Manufacturing in LaOtto and farmed for many years.

He was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, and Mizpah Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hadley was born May 27, 1922, in Poe to Guy and Lois (Vaughan) Hadley.

He married June P. Leiter May 21, 1954, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Sandra Hadley of LaOtto, and a host of family who express "undying memory of your loving dedication, selfless generosity, and gentle spirit."

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Virginia Bastress, Eleanor Daler and Lucile Hadley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Pastor Scott Shoaff of the Simpson United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Hooper-King Cemetery of rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospital for Burned and Crippled Children or Simpson United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

Mardelle Anderson

FORT WAYNE — Mardelle E. Anderson, 68, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Anderson had worked for Lassus Bros. for 17 years. She was a member of Brookside Community Church and sang with the Sweet Adelines for 17 years. She was treasurer of the Fort Wayne Christian Women's Club.

She was born Feb. 8, 1936, in Slatington, Pa.

Surviving are her husband, Paul W. Anderson Jr.; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Debora Anderson of Auburn and Gary R. and Jamie R. Anderson of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cyndi and Herbert Niblick of Fort Wayne and Diane and Dru Miller and Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marian and Sam Miller of Lansing, Mich., and Marjorie Kurtz of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, the Rev. Paul F. and Barbara Kreiss, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Brookside Community Church, 6102 Evard Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and at the church Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Brookside Community Church mission fund or the Missionary Church Inc.

Sunday, April 25, 2004

Marie LaBadie

LIGONIER — Marie "Mae" LaBadie, 86, of Ligonier died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Facility in Ligonier.

Mrs. LaBadie was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Chicago to Edward F. and Mary Ann (Boggs) O'Leary. She married Robert LaBadie in Chicago in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She had worked as a retail clerk in Chicago. She enjoyed boating, dancing and parties.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry, in 1993; a sister, Irene Smith in 1999; and a brother-in-law, Edward Smith in 1991.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling will be Monday from 5 p.m. until the service.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Warsaw.

Barbara Nicole

ANGOLA — Barbara D. Nicole, 45, of Angola, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at her home.

Ms. Nicole was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 7, 1958, to Jack C. and Norma D. (Weikel) Nicole.

She worked as a caregiver.

Surviving are her father, Jack C. Nicole of Sebring, Fla.; a son, Baily D. Hunter Nicole of Angola; three brothers, Charles Nicole of Fort Wayne, Fred Nicole of Lebanon, Tenn., and Jack Nicole II of Montgomery, Mich.; and a sister, Evelyn Thomas of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her mother on July 8, 1992.

A wake will be held Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

George Odom

LIGONIER — George Leo Odom, 66, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Odom was born July 4, 1937, in McGurk, Mo., to George and Sylvia Odom. He married Joanne Taylor on June 22, 1957, in Summersville, Mo. She survives.

He worked at Greenlee Texron in Genoa, Ill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Topeka. He loved his grandchildren, and he loved to fish and be in the woods.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Kay and Harley Wingard of Benton; a son and daughter-in-law, Leo Dwayne and Karen Odom of DeKalb, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Edith Johnson of Walla Walla, Wash., Wilma and Murle Gabersion of Crestview, Ore., and Shirley and Harold Schweigauser of Kingston, Ill.; a granddaughter, Marissa Beth, and four stepgrandchildren, Wayne Winegard, Sadie Carrico, Lucinda Raines and Cindy Pires.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Clifford, Elmo, Don and Forrest Clay; and a sister, Lorene.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Phil Blake officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Nancy Sarzynski

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Nancy M. Sarzynski, 52, of Anchorage died peacefully Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at her home with her family by her side.

Mrs. Sarzynski worked as a teachers' aide for mentally handicapped and mentally retarded children at East Auburn Elementary School in Auburn from 1990-1995.

She enjoyed softball and collecting precious memories of her family through photos and family history. She was active with Girl Scouts of America and the Special Olympics.

She was a graduate of Dondero High School in Royal Oak, Mich.

From 1982-1986 she was resident manager and recreation coordinator at Martha Lloyd Community Services in Troy, Pa. From 1995-1997, she worked at at Bradford County Manor in Troy, Pa. In 2001, she moved to Anchorage ,where she was the assistant manager at Advance Teaching Concepts. From 2002-2004, she operated her own cleaning business.

She was born July 12, 1951, in Detroit to William and Marie (Manley) Gamblin. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Yvonne M. Zielinski of Anchorage and Jennifer Sarzynski of Potomac, Md.; a son, Stanley W. Sarzynski of Farmingdale, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Austin and Lauren Zielinski of Anchorage and Katelyn Sarzynski of Elkhart; two sisters, Rebecca Wilkins of White Lake, Mich., and Edie Lombardo of Orlando, Fla.; and three brothers, Jim Gamblin and Neil Gamblin, both of Presque Isle, Mich., and Mark Manley of Orlando, Fla.

Cremation has taken place with burial in Rocks Springs Cemetery, Holly Pond, Alaska.

Memorials are to the Providence Alaska Foundation, P.O. Box 196604, Anchorage, AK 99519.

L. Louise Haines

MONTPELIER, Ohio — L. Louise Haines, 86, of rural Montpelier, died Saturday evening, April 24, 2004, in Community Hospital of Williams County at Bryan, Ohio.

She had been a patient in the hospital since suffering a heart attack Thursday in her home.

Mrs. Haines was a retired beautician. She opened her own shop in 1939 and ran it continuously for more than 50 years. She was a 1937 graduate of Montpelier High School and a graduate of the Warner Beauty School of Toledo.

She was a member of the West Bethesda Presbyterian Church, a 53-year member of Sodom Grange, a 60-year member of The Comfort Club and a member of Gleaner Arbor 755.

She had served as an election board precinct worker for 40 years, a blood bank volunteer for 35 years and a Gray Lady for many years.

A Montpelier-area resident since 1921, she lived most of her life at her farm home.

Born Jan. 11, 1918, in Argenta, Ill., she was the daughter of Miriam Jane (Goble) and Harry Elmer Garrett.

On Oct. 29, 1939, at Montpelier, she married W. Lester Haines. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Corkey" and Tandy Haines of Montpelier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Delores and Lyle Traxler of Auburn, Patty and Robert Hollister of Arlington, Ohio, and Lilly and Lynn Skiles of Montpelier; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Jerod Traxler, in 1986.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home of Montpelier. The Rev. Duane Mabee will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier.

Calling is Tuesday from 1-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Williams County Humane Society building fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

Lula Belle Wooten

GARRETT — Lula Belle Wooten, 76, of Garrett and formerly of Columbia City, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at 4:46 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, where she had been a resident since January 2003.

Mrs. Wooten moved to Fort Wayne in 1952 from Greenville, Tenn. She had worked at Lutheran Hospital from 1952-1959 and then at various nursing homes. She moved to Columbia City in 1962. She retired from Whitley County Memorial Hospital after 25 years of service.

She was a member of American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary and VFW Post 5582 Auxiliary.

She was born June 17, 1927, near Greenville, Tenn., to Van and Ella Lee (Statton) Norton.

On Sept. 27, 1963, she married Glen H. Wooten. He died Oct. 25, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Brown of LaFontaine and David Brown of Greenville; two daughters, Norma Leslie of Elkhart and Glenda Sue McClellan of LaOtto; a half sister, June of Greenville; two half-brothers, Jimmie Norton and Furmon Norton, both of Greenville; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, LeRoy, Joe Cephas, Van Jr. and Roston Norton; two sisters, Willa Kate Parnell and Gladys Mae; and three half sisters, Pearley, Magline and Mammie.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home of Columbia City, with the Rev. Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene Church officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Blanche Erwin

ASHLEY — Blanche M. Erwin, 103, of Ashley died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at 8:42 p.m. in Lakeland Nursing Home at Angola.

Mrs. Erwin was a member of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church and the Ashley Order of the Eastern Star 229 for more than 50 years.

She was born Oct. 5, 1900, in Williams County, Ohio, to Charles and Clara (Bradford) Favourite.

She married George Russell Erwin on Oct. 21, 1921, in Branch County, Mich. He died April 4, 1977.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lewis Gene and Sharon Erwin of Pleasant Lake, Charles and Marion Erwin of Churubusco and Stanley Erwin of Metairie, La.; two daughters, Phyllis Lytle of Fredericksburg, Va., and Georgia Jarrett of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a brother, Clarence Favourite of LeRoy, Ill.; two sisters, Leo Belle Wahlig of Angola and Elinor Place of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Witte in 1994, a son, Lyal in 1965; a granddaughter, Margaret Slessman; two brothers, Darl and Olin Favourite; and four sisters, Marion Stuckey, Viola Strup, Nila Worthington and Flossie Wolfe.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Mount Zion United Methodist Church with the Rev. Susan Beckett officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

The Ashley Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a memorial service Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

Kraig Davidson

HUNTINGTON — Kraig Steven Davidson, 29, died Monday, April 26, 2004, at his home in Huntington.

Mr. Davidson worked as a bartender at Legends Sports Bar in Huntington. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 85 in Huntington.

He was born July 23, 1974, in Huntington.

Surviving are his mother, Patsy J. Smith of Huntington; his father and stepmother, Steven L. and Janel Davidson on Huntington; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kim and Larry Bowen of Andrews and Krista R. Davidson of Huntington; a stepbrother, Dane Owens of Huntington; his grandmother, Phyllis Smith of Garrett; two uncles, Jerry Smith of Auburn and Tom Smith of Howe; and two aunts, Nancy Lantz of Garrett and Kay Brandon of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lauren J. Smith and Richard and Wanita Davidson and an uncle, Ted Smith.

Calling be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Deal-Robbins and Van Gilder Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington.

There will be no funeral service. Cremation will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to drvgfuneral@skyenet.net.

Thomas Davis

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Thomas Eugene Davis, 61, a native of Fort Wayne and former resident of Garrett, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

Mr. Davis moved in 1976 to California, where he owned and operated his own sheet metal shop.

He attended Garrett High School and graduated from New Haven High School in 1961. He was a 28-year member of the Discovery Nazarene Church.

On Aug. 25, 1962, he married Cynthia Louise Pease. She survives.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses John and Pattie Davis, Michael and Buffy Davis, Phillip and Erin Davis and Jennifer and Chris Hunt, all of California; eight grandchildren; his mother, IvaRee Davis of Fort Wayne; brothers Steve Davis of Garrett and Jim Davis of Columbus, Ohio; and sisters Jane Yoh, Carol Pion and Becky Sedorcak, all of Fort Wayne, and Lee Ann Hatzikakis of Wheatridge, Colo.

Preceding him in death were his father, Edgar Davis, and a brother, Bob Davis.

Services were held April 21 at the Wilson Family Chapel, Livermore, with burial in Memorial Gardens.

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

Yvonne Crow

FORT WAYNE — Yvonne E. Crow, 39, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been a waitress.

She was born Jan. 30, 1965, in Detroit to Harold and Judith (Daniels) Crow. Her father survives in Texas.

Yvonne Crow

In 1990, she married Lawrence Barnes. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angel and Jeffrey Arnold of Indiana; a son, Brian Barnes of Texas; her grandmother, Eloise Daniels of Michigan; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Harold and Diane Crow of Michigan, James Crow of Texas and Christopher Crow of Texas; two sisters; a grandson, Gordon Arnold of Indiana; a granddaughter, Judith Arnold of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Joan Post

LAGRANGE — Joan Marie Post, 73, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Post lived all of her life in the LaGrange and Sturgis, Mich., area. She had retired from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, the Moose Lodge in Sturgis and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Post was born June 7, 1930, in Noble County to Jay and Gertrude A. (Leitch) Grogg.

On March 7, 1973, in Watseka, Ill., she married Haven E. Post. He died Jan. 18, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James F. and Karen Lounsbury of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, June and Robert Vaughn of Shipshewana and Jean and Claude Davis of Angola; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Francis J. Grogg of LaGrange and Jerry O. and Anneliese Grogg of LaGrange; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Thodd Marks of Waterloo and Joshua and Beth Lounsbury of Sturgis; and two great-grandchildren, Kole J. Lounsbury of Sturgis and Ayden T. Marks of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Max and Kay Grogg.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Thursday, April 29, 2004

Sarah Marti

GARRETT — Sarah M. Marti, 75, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 5:25 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mrs. Marti was a homemaker and had lived in Garrett for 54 years. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 2, 1928, in Willard, Ohio, to Vernon L. and Clara (Warren) Striker.

On Feb. 21, 1946, in Angola she married Alfred "Bob" Marti. He died Feb. 25, 1986.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Kari Marti, David Marti and Todd Marti, all of Garrett; two daughters and a son-in-law, Georganna Bickley of Garrett and Linda and Wil Babcock of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Rebecca Obendorf of Garrett; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, two brothers, John Striker and Roger Striker, and a sister, Martha Robison.

Private graveside services will be conducted Friday in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements. Send condolences to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Friday, April 30, 2004
NO LOCAL DEATHS

Loren Randall Sr.

FORT WAYNE — Loren D. Randall Sr., 77, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

Mr. Randall retired from Container Corp. of America in 1989, after 37 years of service as a pressman. After retirement, he worked at Cub Foods and Meijer.

He was a member of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene and an avid bowler. He was a pitcher on company softball teams and played trumpet for the Brookside Church orchestra and sang in the church choir.

He was born June 11, 1926, in Flint, Mich., and moved to Fort Wayne in 1952.

Surviving are his mother, Edith Randall of San Jose, Calif.; two daughters, L. Susan Custer of Garrett and Jeanne A. Kempton of Fort Wayne; four sons, James A. Randall of Jacksonville, Fla., and Robert L., Richard W. and Loren Jr., all of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, Delbert L. Randall of New Almaden, Calif., and Dr. Lon Randall of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and a sister, Eunice Randall of San Jose, Calif.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Marjorie A. (Jones) Randall, and his father, Daniel Randall.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Grace Point Church, 8611 Mayhew Road.

Calling is from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Point Church.

Lester Thimlar

BUTLER — Lester C. Thimlar, 87, of Butler died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Thimlar was employed as a tool grinder at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 25 years, retiring in 1978, and was a lifetime farmer.

He was born March 5, 1917, in Harlan to Albert and Mabel (Guiff) Thimlar.

He married Anna Bell Carr on Aug. 10, 1939, in Marion. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Merlin E. Thimlar of Seal Beach, Calif., Darrell F. Thimlar of Merritt Island, Fla., and Steven C. Thimlar of Butler; two daughters, Karen Y. Hammon of Satellite Beach, Fla., and Sharon K. Taylor of Oak Park, Calif.; a sister, Violet Roth of Hamilton; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Howard, Eugene and Merlin Thimlar.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Saturday, May 1, 2004

Margaret Hagerty

MUNCIE — Margaret E. (Campbell) Hagerty, 83, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Muncie Health and Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Hagerty was a homemaker, a former Sunday school teacher and an avid golfer.

She was born in Steuben County and lived in DeKalb County from 1941 to 1977. She was a graduate of Metz High School.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Judy (Wogoman) and the Rev. Tim Cox of Muncie; eight grandchildren, Meredith Jester of Fort Wayne, Tammi Lacy, Dionne Bartels, Gary Bartels Jr., Heather Bartels, Elaina Shields and John Bartels, all of Muncie, and Ann Dee Ann Cox of Pine Knot, Ky., 13 great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Ora "Red" Hagerty, one grandchild, one sister and two brothers.

Memorial services will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Mount Pleasant United Brethren in Christ Church, 2140 S. 850E, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Cox officiating, and Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the One Accord Tabernacle, 2009 N. Manring, Muncie, with the Rev. Eugene McComas officiating.

Memorials are to the American Bible Society, the Rev. Robert Schuller's Hour of Power Ministries, or Southern Care Hospice in Muncie.

Elm Ridge Funeral Home of Muncie is in charge of arrangements.

M. Irene Gillespie

ASHLEY — M. Irene Parker Gillespie, 87, of Ashley, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler following a long illness.

She attended Salem Center High School and graduated in 1935. She managed Cortland Produce Co. in Ashley and worked at Sears in New Orleans and Valparaiso. She was the office manager for the Daily Vidette Messenger newspaper for 25 years and retired in 1982. She was active in civic affairs throughout the years she lived in Valparaiso. Among her accomplishments were her 50-year membership in the Ashley Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron; state corresponding secretary for the president of the B.P.W. and the local president for two years; president of the Lioness Club; volunteer bookkeeper for the Porter Co. Salvation Army for four years and service on their board; president and secretary of the Valparaiso Chapter of AARP, member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Valparaiso United Methodist Church,

She was born in Stroh on Sept. 27, 1916, to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker.

She married Buryl E. Smith on Oct. 24, 1936. He died in 1939.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Sandra Smith of Ashley and James and Barbara Smith of Angola; two sisters, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Suzy Smith of Ashley, Scott and Pam Smith of Middlebury, Barry and Kim Smith of Lewis Center, Ohio, Jackie Smith and Buryl Smith, both of Ashley; and seven great-grandchildren, Britney, Hillary, Jarrett, Katherine, Benjamin and Claudia Smith.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; her parents; her husband, Richard Gillespie in 1997; two brothers, Thomas and Dan Parker; four sisters, Dorothy Lockwood, Glova Spears, Wanda Forrester and Linda Loucks.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Johnson Funeral Homes of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Amy Rittenhouse

KENDALLVILLE — Amy Denise Rittenhouse, 35, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born April 22, 1969, in Tipton.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with James Archambeaulp officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Sunday, May 2, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information.*

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She attended Salem Center High School and graduated in 1935. She managed Cortland Produce Co. in Ashley and worked at Sears in New Orleans and Valparaiso. She was the office manager for the Daily Vidette Messenger newspaper for 25 years and retired in 1982. She was active in civic affairs throughout the years she lived in Valparaiso. Among her accomplishments were her 50-year membership in the Ashley Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron; state corresponding secretary for the president of the B.P.W. and the local president for two years; president of the Lioness Club; volunteer bookkeeper for the Porter Co. Salvation Army for four years and service on their board; president and secretary of the Valparaiso Chapter of AARP, member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Valparaiso United Methodist Church,

She was born in Stroh on Sept. 27, 1916, to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker.

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She was preceded in death by her first husband; her parents; her husband, Richard Gillespie in 1997; two brothers, Thomas and Dan Parker; four sisters, Dorothy Lockwood, Glova Spears, Wanda Forrester and Linda Loucks.

Graveside services were held Saturday morning at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

Howard Miller

LAGRANGE — Howard J. Miller, 57, of LaGrange died Friday, April 30, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. He was a farmer and carpenter and a member of Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Nov. 23, 1946, in Eckhart County to Noah A. and Susie (Yoder) Miller. They survive in Shipshewana.

On Nov. 28, 1968, in LaGrange County, he married Esther A. Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia and Ernest Bontrager of Wolcottville and Susan and Samuel Schmucker of LaGrange; seven sons and a daughter-in-law, Noah H. and Christina Miller of Burr Oak, Mich., and Samuel H., Paul H., Neil H., Daniel H., Henry H. and Ernest H. and Ernest's special friend, Marlene Miller, all of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Richard Lambright of Shipshewana and Esther and Glen Miller of Middlebury; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Marvin and Katie Miller, Alton and Deb Miller, Perry and Polly Miller and Ivan and Doris Miller, all of Shipshewana, David and Debbie Miller of Florida and Vernon Miller of Spencerville; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mattie Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Amzie Lehman residence, 250 W. C.R. 1310N, LaGrange, with Bishop Marvin Graber officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 2620 W. C.R. 50N, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

173 MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004

No Local Deaths

Sunday, May 2, 2004

David Miller

CROMWELL — David Joseph Miller, 50, of Cromwell died Friday, April, 30, 2004, at 9:10 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of rural Cromwell. He was a delivery driver for UPS for 17 years. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, where he had served as an elder.

Mr. Miller

He enjoyed reading, fishing, and spending time with his children. He also loved to study the Bible.

He was born July 15, 1953, in Wolf Lake to Joseph and Gilva (Fausnaugh) Miller. His father survives in Kimmell. His mother preceded him in death.

On Oct. 20, 1984, in Stone's Hill Community Church, he married Kenda Miller. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a son, Min Miller, at home; three daughters, Laura, Janelle and Maria Miller, all at home; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Billie Brown of Ligonier and Becky and Kim Hausbauch of Goshen.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church with the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church or Goshen Home Health and Hospice Care.

Stanley Johnson

BLUFFTON — Stanley "Stan" D. Johnson, 49, of Bluffton died Friday, April 30, 2004, at 10:35 a.m. in Bluffton Regional Medical Center from a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Johnson was employed at the Parlor City County Club and assisted in grooming the golf course.

He graduated from Norwell High School in 1973 and served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years, from July 1973 to October 1993.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Johnson worked in telecommunications.

He was a a past exalted ruler of Bluffton Elks Lodge 796 and was active in many Elks programs and events. He also was a member of American Legion Post 111.

He enjoyed golf, playing cards and being with friends. He was an avid Purdue, Colts and Cubs fan.

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime resident of Wells County except for his time in the Coast Guard.

He was born Nov. 25, 1954, in Bluffton to Eugene L. and Helen I. (Diehl) Johnson. His mother survives in Bluffton. His father preceded him in death.

On July 17, 1999, in Reno, Nev., he married Tara Jervis. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Aaron Johnson of Boulder, Colo., and Brian and Cathy Johnson of Long Beach, Calif.; a stepson, Anthony Costa of Sheriville; a stepdaughter, Alexandra Costa, at home; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Thomas and Sue Johnson of Bluffton, Steven and Ann Johnson of Elkhart, David Johnson and David's friend, Morgan, of Coarsegold, Calif., Timothy and Becky Johnson of Indianapolis, and Dennis and Karin Johnson of Fresno, Calif.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Debra and Gary Gabbard of Kendallville and Janice and David Wagoner of Norwich, N.Y.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Pastor Mike Gilbert will officiate. Burial will be in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Military graveside rites will be performed by American Legion Post 111.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Elks memorial service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Stan Johnson Memorial Fund.

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Malcolm Baker

WAWAKA — Malcolm Earl Baker, 81, of Wawaka died Monday, May 3, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Baker was the co-owner of 3B Welding before his retirement.

Mr. Baker

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ, Ligonier American Legion Post 243, Order of Eastern Star No. 325, Cromwell Masonic Lodge No. 705 F&AM, Fort Wayne Shrine Club, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Antique Power of the Shrine. He served 10 years as treasurer of the Noble County Shrine Club.

Mr. Baker also was a member of the Noble County Antique Tractor Club, Noble County Antique Pullers Club, Keystone Cops and a former Sparta Cemetery trustee.

He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Garrett to Frank M. and Elsie (Jones) Baker.

On June 26, 1947, in Cromwell, he married Elizabeth June "Betty" Randall. She died July 30, 1996.

Surviving are his companion, Donna Jean Burns of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Stanley Hochstetler of Columbia City and Marsha and Roger Hainey of Troutwood, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Blaine and Kim Baker of Ligonier and Bill and Bonnie Baker of Cromwell; a sister, Phyllis Denham of Bothel, Wash.; nine grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild; and a niece and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Baker.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Sparta United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lynn Bartling and the Rev. Richard Renser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m., and Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Joshua Inman

KENDALLVILLE — Joshua Nathan Inman, 19, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had attended East Noble High School.

Mr. Inman

He was born Jan. 26, 1985, in Portland, Ind., to Jeff Inman and Roxanne (Ashley) Payne. His father survives in Kendallville and his mother and stepfather, Eddie Payne, survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Corbett and Margaret Ashley of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Sue Mozena of Kendallville; his paternal grandfather, Gary Inman of Kendallville; his paternal stepgrandfather, Don Mozena of Louisville, Ky.; a brother, Jason Inman of Auburn; three sisters, Amanda Inman, Ashley Inman and Andrea Inman, all of Kendallville; four uncles, Dan Ashley of Portland, Andy Ashley of Portland, Chris Inman of Kentucky and Corey Inman-Mozena of Kendallville; an aunt, Traci Robertson of Kendallville; and two nieces.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lynn Harford

FORT WAYNE — Lynn Wilbur Harford, 89, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

He was retired from Wayne Pipe & Supply Co.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James L. Harford of Belton, Mo., George and Marie Harford of Spencerville and Thomas and Ann Harford of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and David Dombrowski of Venice, Fla.; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Joan L. Harford in 1997, and a brother, Paul Harford.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is from Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church, of which he was a member.

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Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

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Calling is from Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church, of which he was a member.

Pastor Tom Herendeen

ROSELAWN — Pastor Tom L. Herendeen, 64, of Roselawn died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at St. Anthony Medical Center.

He had served at Jubilee Gospel Center in Roselawn since 1992.

He was a 1957 graduate of Garrett High School and a 1971 graduate of Valley Forge Bible College in Pennsylvania.

He was born June 23, 1939, in Swan to Lawrence and Mary Anna (Englert) Herendeen. On July 14, 1957, in Kendallville, he married Joanne Warrick. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Larry Herendeen of Peru; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carrie and John Frye of Medaryville and Whitney Herendeen of Roselawn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Warren and Dorothy Herendeen of Avon, Fla., Gale and Linda Herendeen of Warsaw, David and Carolyn Herendeen of Rome City, and Pastor Steve and Marge Herendeen of Rome City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Deanne and Rondal Prater of Wawaka and Lori and Rick Williams of Rome City; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Barry Herendeen in 1987; and a great-granddaughter, Breanna Timmons in 2003.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Jubilee Gospel Center in Roselawn with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at the gospel center.

Memorials are to the family.

John Batt

HAMILTON LAKE — John H. Batt, 81, of Hamilton Lake, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, Ohio.

Mr. Batt lived in Defiance, Ohio, until 1997, when he moved to Hamilton Lake. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Defiance. He had worked as a truck driver and retired in 1981. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a sergeant during World War II.

He was a member of the Defiance Knights of Columbus, the New Bavaria Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Jewell American Legion, the Angola Moose and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born in Defiance, Ohio, on Aug. 18, 1922, to John J. and Phoeba (Baldwin-Whitaker) Batt.

He married Dolores C. "Jake" Mekus on Sept. 15, 1945. She preceded him in death on Aug. 24, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nanette and Chuck Fisk of Defiance and Lisa and Thomas Furniss and Anita Batt, all of Hamilton; a son, Florian Batt of Put-In-Bay, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Howard Batt, a brother, William Batt, a sister, Beula Humbert, and a half-brother, William Whitaker.

Services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John Catholic Church in Defiance, with the Rev. Michael Schelling and the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home in Defiance, with a rosary service at 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Defiance. Military graveside rites will be conducted by members of VFW Post 3360.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Ruth Welch

AUBURN — Ruth A. Welch, 87, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Welch worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1970.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Auburn and served as vice chairwoman of the DeKalb County Democratic Central Committee for several years.

She was born Jan. 9, 1917, in Garrett to Edgar and Maude Beeber.

Her husband, Edward Welch, died in 1984,

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Beth Welch of Carmel; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Ashley Welch.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Iona Velpel

FORT WAYNE — Iona J. Velpel, 82, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at 11:50 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Velpel was a homemaker and a former resident of Garrett. She had lived in Fort Wayne for 36 years.

She was born May 27, 1921, in Putman County, Ohio, to George E. and Ina E. (Clevidence) Bond. Her parents preceded her in death.

On April 7, 1939, in Goshen, she married Gordon F. Velpel Sr. He died Sept. 19, 1993.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Geoffrey Velpel of Fort Wayne and George Velpel of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; a daughter, Jackie J. Velpel of Fort Wayne; a brother, Richard Bond of Fort Myers, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Gordon F. "Joe" Velpel Jr.; a brother, Paul Bond; and two sisters, Louise Hewitt and Lucille Lash.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor David Altman will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A.R.C. of Allen County or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Floreen Palmer

AUBURN — Floreen I. Palmer, 90, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Joan Kammerer

AVILLA — Joan R. Kammerer, 79, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at 12:55 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Kammerer

Mrs. Kammerer had lived in Avilla for 11 years and was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Elks Auxiliary.

She worked as a payroll clerk at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1984.

She was born July 24, 1924, in Garrett, to Victor Carper and Olga Faye Miller. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth N. Kammerer on June 10, 1945, in Garrett. He died Nov. 29, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sandy Kammerer of Virginia Beach, Va.; two granddaughters, Brenda Burcham of Garrett and Kimberly Simon of Butler; three great-grandchildren, Tiffany Simon and Calub Simon of Butler and Courtney Burcham of Garrett; and three brothers, Jerry Carper and Don Carper, both of Garrett, and Jim Carper of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Carper.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Floreen Palmer

AUBURN — Floreen I. Palmer, 90, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare nursing home in Auburn.

Mrs. Palmer was employed at Auburn Printing Co., retiring in 1975 after 40 years of service. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, and the Faith Circle Auxiliary.

She was born May 21, 1913, in DeKalb County to Frank and Flossie (McCosh) Hess.

She married Kenneth H. Palmer on Dec. 7, 1929, in Auburn. He died April 11, 1991.

Surviving are a son, James L. Palmer of Indianapolis; a daughter and son-in-law, E. Joan and Charles E. Preston of Auburn; a half-brother, Neil Emerick of Auburn; two half-sisters, Mildred Beber of Fort Wayne and Virginia Neighbor of South Bend; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, George Hess, two half-brothers, Sebra and Ernest Emerick, two half-sisters, Margie Smith and May Domique; and a daughter-in-law, Geraldine Palmer.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Elbert Fair

AVILLA — Elbert "Sibo" Fair, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fair was born March 13, 1927, in Perry County, Latta Creek, Ky., the son of Bud and Ruth (Lawson) Fair.

On Dec. 6, 1997, in Altona he married Charlene K. Stahl. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Elbert Fair Jr. of Fort Wayne, Johnny Fair of Ligonier, Tommy Fair of Topeka, and Eddie Fair of Isom, Ky.; a daughter, Betty Loveless of Lavurn, Ky., three stepdaughters, Brenda Kraft of Auburn, Lori Bolen of Kendallville and Wanda Facklam of Ashley; two stepsons, Lloyd Leiner of Fort Wayne and Joseph Kennedy of Auburn; two sisters, May Ellen Platt of Georgetown, Ky., and Ellie Combs of Kentucky; a brother, Jessie Fair of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Saturday, May 8, 2004

David Giant

COLUMBIA CITY — David William Giant, 57, of Columbia City died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 1:47 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Giant was a self-employed produce farmer. He was a member of the Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and a 40-year member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906, the North Manchester Moose Lodge, Sons of the American Legion at Waynedale and the Dunfee Odd Fellows Lodge.

He grew up in Aboite Township of Allen County and moved to his latest home in 1966. He attended Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 9, 1946, in Fort Wayne to William I. and Helene J. (Nelson) Giant.

Surviving are his mother in Columbia City, four uncles and two aunts.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Jean Ann Giant.

Services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Rodney Willeke or Pastor Russell Shook of Risen Savior Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

THE FOLLOWING *obituary is being republished to correct errors.*

Eva Ravenscroft

ALBION — Eva R. Ravenscroft, 103, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a lifetime area resident, a homemaker and took in laundry and ironing.

Mrs. Ravenscroft attended Albion Wesleyan Church and enjoyed the outdoors, flowers, crocheting and vacationing.

Born on Feb. 8, 1901, in Albion, she was the daughter of Perry W. and Orilla (Nicodemus) Coe. She married Carl Ravenscroft on Sept. 21, 1921, in Centerville, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1965.

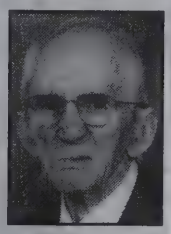
Surviving are a daughter, June M. Jacob of Albion; a brother, Harold Coe of Kendallville; three grandchildren, two with their spouses, Carol Huff, Phil and Cindy Jacob and Diane and Dennis King, all of Albion; seven great-grandchildren, Danielle Zumbrun, Nichelle Pulver, Chad, Brad and Shawn Jacob, and Brandon and Corey King; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Robert Ravenscroft; a daughter, Bonnie Jean Kline; a sister, Bonnie Marshall; a brother, Orval Ravenscroft; and a stepbrother, Leo Hawk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor David Earlwine officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

John Miller

MIDDLEBURY — John J. Miller, 91, of Middlebury, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen, where he had lived for almost four years.



Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller worked for 25 years for Logan Monument in Goshen, later driving a truck for Jaxson Cleaners.

He volunteered at the Thrift Shop in Goshen, where he was a member of Griner Mennonite Church. He had moved to Middlebury in 1960 from Arthur, Ill.

Mr. Miller married his wife, Katie L. Miller in Arthur, Ill., on March 24, 1938. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1998.

He was born to Jake and Anna (Miller) Miller on May 22, 1913, in Anderson County, Kan. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are four daughters and their spouses, Arlene and Vernon Cross of Goshen, Joanna and Jay Wilson, Judy and Carl Shrock, Lois and Karl Schrock and Pauline and Lynn Miller, all of Middlebury; three sons and their spouses, John O. and Sheryle Miller of Bristol, Ervin and Bertha Miller and David and Charlotte Miller, all of Middlebury; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elizabeth Otto, Sovilla and Joel Schrock and Edna and Jake Miller, all of Arthur, Ill.; two brothers and their spouses, Bill and Edna Miller of Arthur, Ill., and Fred and Gladys Miller of Kalona, Iowa; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Miller was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Schrock and a brother, Ervin Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Revs. Harley Troyer, Robert Rigsecker and John Yoder presiding. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Clinton Christian School or Griner Mennonite Church.

Frances Miller

TAMPA, FLA. — Frances Miller, 84, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died May 4, 2004, in Tampa, Fla.

Born on Sept. 13, 1919, in Kendallville, he was the son of Dale and Fern Strater.

He had lived in Tampa for 52 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrill Zoller, Asheville, N.C., and Jan Behney, Arlington, Texas; two sons, Stuart Miller, Tampa, Fla., and Scott Miller, Roswell, Ga.; two sisters, Betty Strouse and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Kay Ligman; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

No formal services were held.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay, 2215 E. Henry Ave., Tampa FL 33610.

Monday, May 10, 2004

Helen Easterday

LAGRANGE — Helen Ruth Easterday, 73, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at her son's home in Lebanon, Ind.

Mrs. Easterday had lived most of her life in LaGrange. She had been a laboratory technician at LaGrange County Hospital and Sturgis Hospital. She had also worked in the office of Dr. Dean L. Mattox.

She was a member of Sylvan Chapter No. 251 Order of the Eastern Star and the Red Hat Society.

She was born Feb. 5, 1931, to Dr. John and Georgia (Waterman) Brineman. On July 2, 1950, in LaGrange, she married Lyle K. Easterday. He died June 29, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyle and Vanessa Easterday II of Lebanon and Mark and Norma Easterday of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Junior Farber of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Clem and Joy Brineman of Springfield, Va.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Don and James Brineman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Henry Karst

KENDALLVILLE — Henry E. Karst, 93, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Karst

Mr. Karst retired in 1974 from Kraft Foods where he was a quality control supervisor for 40 years. He was also a part-time farmer.

He was a 1928 graduate of St. Peter and Paul High School in Huntington. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had served as an usher, as well as doing readings and serving for many years as an alter boy. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7839.

Mr. Karst enjoyed playing cards and doing puzzles.

He was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Huntington County to Edward and Anna (Scher) Karst. He first married Bernadette Miller in 1939. She died in 1972. He then married Elvena Miller on May 12, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., Dennis and Julie Karst of Ossian, and Jerry and Patsy Karst of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Mary and Dennis Delucenay of Indianapolis; two stepsons and their wives, Kenneth and Pat Kleinrichert of Traverse City, Mich., and Michael and Mary Shoudel of Garrett; a brother, Raymond Karst of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eileen Swoverland and Annette Morrow, both of Huntington, and Helen Ludwig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Karst and Norbert Karst; a sister, Delores Stoffel; a grandson, Matthew Karst; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Carla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Souder

AUBURN — Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo for Esther L. Souder.

Souder, 85, died at her home in Auburn, Saturday, May 8, 2004.

Monday, May 10, 2004

Harold Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Hartman, 94, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hartman retired in 1973 as an accountant for General Electric Corp. In the early 1960s he had owned Hartman's Freezer Fresh Drive In.

He was an elder at Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Mr. Hartman was an avid sports enthusiast and a member of the Senior Golf Association and the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

He was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Norma; two sons, Robert W. Hartman of Roanoke and Donald L. Hartman of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter, Louann Savolt of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Joellen McGee

FORT WAYNE — Joellen Egolf McGee, 60, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for the past two months.

Mrs. McGee lived most of her life in Fort Wayne and was employed at Central Soya in Fort Wayne for 14 years. She also worked as the engineering program administrator at ITT in Fort Wayne for 19 years.

She graduated in 1962 from Churubusco High School. She was an avid fan of Indiana University basketball and former IU coach Bobby Knight. She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, her Bunko Club friends, and spending time with her grandsons.

Mrs. McGee was born April 11, 1944, in Wolf Lake to Nile W. and Emma Louis (Clouse) Egolf.

Mrs. McGee

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly McGee of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Steven Parker of Simpsonville, S.C., and two grandsons, Shawn Weaver and Casey Weaver, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jerry Egolf, on April 17, 1997.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults or to her grandsons' scholarship fund in care of Three Rivers Federal Credit Union.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Tia Napier

WILLARD, Ohio — Tia Marie Napier, 13, of Willard, Ohio, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Willard was born Jul 3, 1990, in Kendallville. She had lived most of her life in Norwalk, Ohio, and Willard. She was a student at Willard Middle School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lisa and Raymond Hanson of Willard; her father, Forest Napier I of Hudson; a brother, Forest Rodney Napier II; six sisters, Bonnie Napier, Kellie Napier and Brittany Claus, all of Willard; Sherrie Napier of Wolcottville, Mindy Hanson of Plymouth, Ohio, and Stephanie Hanson of Mansfield, Ohio; maternal grandparents, Ina and David Wireman of Norwalk; paternal grandparents Lincoln and Fairlena Napier of Hudson; and a maternal great-grandfather, Glennville Dale Burnem of Hortence, Ga.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Dawn Marie Wireman, in 1991.

Services will be at 10 a.m. ndiana time Wednesday at Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

Marillyn Roberts

ANGOLA — Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for Marillyn A. Roberts, 77, of Angola, who died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Ms. Roberts was born April 4, 1927, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Esther Souder

AUBURN — Esther L. Souder, 85, of Auburn died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Souer was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and the Ladies of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 16, 1918, in Garrett to Benjamin and Ursula (Mountz) Drerup.

She married Gerry R. Souder Jr. on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn, He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth; a sister-in-law, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Esther Souder, who died in infancy; and two brothers, Bernard and Paul Drerup.

Services will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.n eet.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Marillyn Roberts

FREMONT — Marillyn A. Roberts, 77, of Fremont, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Roberts was born April 4, 1927, in Milwaukee, Wis., to James and Juanita (Shaw) Coates. She was married to Mac A. Roberts on Oct. 9, 1950, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 1984.

She was the former manager of the Angola Truck Stop, and also was the former secretary of the Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Little River Chapter of the Sweet Adelines.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia and Larry Pike of Woodstock, Ga. and Evelyn Roberts of Angola; three grandchildren, Justin Roberts of Fremont and Danny A. Pallone II and Heather Pallone, both of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Pallone, and a granddaughter, Brenda A. Roberts.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 227 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 301, Fort Wayne, IN 46897.

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Tia Napier

WILLARD, Ohio — Tia Marie Napier, 13, of Willard, Ohio, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Napier was born July 3, 1990, in Kendallville. She had lived most of her life in Norwalk, Ohio and Willard. She was a student at Willard Middle School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lisa and Raymond Hanson of Willard; her father, Forest Napier I of Hudson; a brother, Forest Rodney Napier II; six sisters, Bonnie Napier, Kellie Napier and Brittany Claus, all of Willard; Sherrie Napier of Wolcottville, Mindy Hanson of Plymouth, Ohio and Stephanie Hanson of Mansfield, Ohio; maternal grandparents, Ina and David Wireman of Norwalk; paternal grandparents Lincoln and Fairlena Napier of Hudson; and a maternal great-grandfather, Glennville Dale Burnem of Hortence, Ga.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Dawn Marie Wireman, in 1991.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (EST) Wednesday at Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

Rose Cunningham

LIGONIER — Rose V. Cunningham, 92, of Ligonier died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Cunningham

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Cunningham was an accomplished artist and florist. She had worked for a number of years at her family's business, Schrock's Greenhouse and Floral Shop in Ligonier.

She also had been a correspondent for The News-Sun, South Bend Tribune and Goshen News, as well as a homemaker.

Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She had served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Perry Township Home Economics Club and the Noble County Art Association.

She was born Feb. 16, 1912, in Cory, Pa., to Otto and Bethel (Tallerday) Schrock. She graduated in 1929 from Ligonier High School. On Oct. 25, 1936, in Churubusco, she married Fred R. Cunningham. He died March 22, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kent and Lori Cunningham of Ligonier and Kyle Cunningham of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Stan Mithoefer of Lafayette; a brother, Walter Schrock of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church or the Noble County Art Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Gearldine Montgomery

ST. JOE — Gearldine (Maloney) Montgomery, 66, of St. Joe died quietly at her home on Friday, May 7, 2004, after a long illness.

Mrs. Montgomery was a God-fearing and devoted wife and mother.

She was born Oct. 20, 1937, in Hazard, Ky., to Ida Mae and Arlie Maloney. They preceded her in death.

She married Ollie Montgomery in 1951. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Judy Montgomery of Crestline, Ohio, Chester and Sandra Montgomery of Garrett and Virgil Montgomery; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and Keith Lively of Shelby, Ohio, Ruthann and Todd McCandlish of St. Joe and Christina and Clyde Jefferson of Gary; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; five sisters; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Ray Montgomery, a sister, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Doris Marshall

AUBURN — Doris M. Betz Marshall, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was president of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, which she owned and operated for the past 50 years.

She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary, both in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 20, 1924, in Camden, Mich., to Freeman T. and Ival May (Bowman) Britten.

She married Everett Betz in November 1942. He died in April 1975.

She then married Claude Marshall on April 14, 1979. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Betz of Auburn; five stepsons, Roger Marshall of Warsaw, Claude Marshall Jr., Albert Marshall and Elbert Marshall, all of Bluffton, and David Marshall of Kennesaw, Ga.; three daughters, Sue Gamble, Luanne Gerig and LeAnn Barnes, all of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Precilla Johnson of Phoenix, Claudette Bolin of Bluffton and Ruthie Robinson of Winchester, Ky.; two brothers. Norman K. Britten of Ney, Ohio, and Theo L. Britten of Hamilton; four sisters, Dorothy Chapin of Osseo, Mich., Shelby Daniels of Waterloo, Deanna Beam of Tekonsha, Mich., and Sandy Humbarger of Montpelier, Ohio; nine grandchildren, 20 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Private family services will be Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activity department at Betz Nursing Home.

Condolences are to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

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Esther Souder

AUBURN — Esther L. Souder, 85, of Auburn died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and the Ladies of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 16, 1918, in Garrett to Benjamin and Ursula (Mountz) Drerup.

She married Gerry R. Souder Jr. on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn, He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth; a sister-in-law, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Esther Souder, who died in infancy; and two brothers, Bernard and Paul Drerup.

Services will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.neet.

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Frances Miller

TAMPA, Fla. — Frances Miller, 84, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died May 4, 2004, in Tampa, Fla.

Born on Sept. 13, 1919, in Kendallville, she was the daughter of Dale and Fern Strater.

She had lived in Tampa for 52 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrill Zoller of Asheville, N.C., and Jan Behney of Arlington, Texas; two sons, Stuart Miller of Tampa, Fla., and Scott Miller of Roswell, Ga.; two sisters, Betty Strouse and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Kay Ligman of Kendallville; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

No formal services were held.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay, 2215 E. Henry Ave., Tampa, FL 33610.

Craig Fuller

KENDALLVILLE — Craig Fuller, 34, of Kendallville died at 12:15 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2004, at his home. He was a brittle diabetic and had suffered a lengthy illness.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Fuller last worked for A-1 Production in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 5, 1969, in Kendallville to Willie and Adna (Terry) Fuller. They are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Jennifer Fuller, Brianna Fuller, Cassie Fuller and Danielle Fuller; a son, Brandon Will Fuller; a grandmother, Edna Fuller of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Wesley and Jennifer Fuller of Kendallville; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Christina and Kevin Miller of Avilla, Dorine Lovely of Kendallville, and Margaret and Dennis Gibson of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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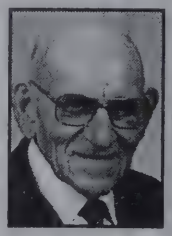
Henry Karst

KENDALLVILLE — Henry E. Karst, 93, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



Mr. Karst

Mr. Karst retired in 1974 from Kraft Foods where he was a quality control supervisor for 40 years. He was also a part-time farmer.

He was a 1928 graduate of St. Peter and Paul High School in Huntington. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had served as an usher, as well as doing readings and serving for many years as an alter boy. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7839.

Mr. Karst enjoyed playing cards and doing puzzles.

He was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Huntington County to Edward and Anna (Scher) Karst. He first married Bernadette Miller in 1939. She died in 1972. He then married Elvena Miller Shoudel on May 12, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., Dennis and Julie Karst of Ossian, and Jerry and Patsy Karst of Kendallville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Mary and Dennis Delucenay of Indianapolis and Pat and Kenneth Kleinrichert of Traverse City, Mich.; a stepson and his wife, Michael and Mary Shoudel of Garrett; a brother, Raymond Karst of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eileen Swoverland and Annette Morrow, both of Huntington, and Helen Ludwig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Karst and Norbert Karst; a sister, Delores Stoffel; a grandson, Matthew Karst; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Carla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Building Fund or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lucille Farnham

EDGERTON, Ohio — Lucille M. Farnham, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she was a resident. She had been in failing health for two months.

Mrs. Farnham was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Monclova, Ohio, to Howard P. and Eva (Comstock) Hinkle. She married Ronald M. Farnham on Dec. 24, 1941, in Swanton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of Edgerton United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, a former member of Evening Star Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star, the Priscella Club, and the Edgerton Garden Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and LeeAnn Farnham of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Denise Farnham of Edgerton; a brother, Lyle Hinkle of Mansfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Farnham, a brother, Robert Hinkle, and a sister, Betty Hinkle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Ned Adams officiating. Calling will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery near Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to Farnhamfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Robert Shafer

ANGOLA — Robert L. Shafer, 75, of Angola, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Shafer was born May 13, 1928, in Wilkinsburg, Pa., to Carm and Blanche (Williams) Shafer. He married Lois Knapp in June of 1953. She survives.

He attended Farmer High School, and graduated from Hicksville High School in Ohio with the class of 1946. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Edward C. Smart American Legion Post in Hicksville and the Lions Club in Clear Lake.

He retired in 1980 after 30 years of employment with Sheets Construction Co. in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time Saturday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Calling will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Sunnie Harrington

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Sunnie Dae Harrington, 25, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Monday afternoon, May 10, 2004, in Bethesda North Hospital at Cincinnati after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 29, 1978, in Auburn and had been a resident of Montpelier, Ohio, for most of her life. She attended elementary school and middle school in Montpelier.

Surviving are her parents, Roberta and Erwin Harrington of Montpelier; one brother, Brawner Shi Harrington of Montpelier; one sister and brother-in-law, Audra Rae and Pete Hoffman of Lakeland, Wash.; her maternal grandparents, Paul and Mary Soule of Butler; a paternal grandmother, Marga Harrington of Montpelier; and a maternal great-grandmother, Evelo Schelling of Montpelier.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Robert Schelling, and a paternal grandfather, Omer Harrington.

A memorial service will be Saturday at noon Indiana time in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home of Montpelier. Pastor Don Harris will officiate. Private burial services will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday after 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Daniel Bennett

BUTLER — Daniel Paul Bennett, 59, of Butler died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bennett

Mr. Bennett worked in industrial sales at Dana Corp. for 13 years and then at Royal Arc Welding of Ashley. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. He loved sports and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Oct. 18, 1944, in Fort Wayne. His father and stepmother, Paul and Norma Bennett, survive in Fort Wayne. His mother, Anna Jane (Adam) Bennett, preceded him in death.

He married Darley Oberlin on Aug. 17, 1963, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tammy Bennett of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kay Bennett-Badero of Butler and Ann and Jim Finchum of Auburn; one brother, Steve Bennett of Montevideo, Minn.; one sister, Lisa Marks of Durham, N.C.; and three grandchildren, Marcus Brothern, Katelyn Woehnker and Rachael Finchum.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a son, Mark Daniel Bennett, in infancy.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Norman Deuitch

GARRETT — Norman R. Deuitch, 50, of Garrett died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:21 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Deuitch was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He worked in quality control at TRW in Garrett, leaving in 2003. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born July 1, 1953, in Garrett to Norbert L. and Lois E. (Burtch) Deuitch. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Dustin Deuitch and Scott Deuitch, both of Garrett; a brother, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; a granddaughter, Lauren Deuitch, and a grandson, Lucas Deuitch, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vicki Clabaugh.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Helen Felber

BERNE — Helen Felber, 94, of Berne died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. in Swiss Village at Berne.

Mrs. Felber was the co-owner and bookkeeper for Felber Machine Shop for more than 40 years. She also was a church pianist and organist for many years. She was a member of Grace Bible Church.

She was born May 14, 1909, in Berne to David and Magdalena (Mettler) Spiehiger.

She married Ervin Felber on July 30, 1927, in Berne. He died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Dr. DeWayne Felber of Indianapolis; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherrill and Gene Bradford of Auburn and Nancy Kyler of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin, and four sisters, Edna Lehman, Wilma Lehman, Martha Habegger and Bertha Miller.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Bible Church. The Rev. Chuck Circle will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Swiss Village Social Corner and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Swiss Village or Grace Bible Church.

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Jack Garner

FORT WAYNE — Jack Garner, 78, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garner was a native of Decatur.

He was a supervisor with Peter Eckrich & Sons for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Garner was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 9160 in Roanoke and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Hageman of Columbia City and Teresa S. Crow of Fort Wayne; two sisters, May Kay Mertens of Boca Raton, Fla., and Annie Didrick of Elmhurst, Ill.; a brother, Dick Garner of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen M. (Griffith) Garner, and a daughter, Janice Tierney.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Herbert Dulinsky

WOLCOTTVILLE — Herbert Lewis Dulinsky, 60, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dulinsky moved to Wolcottville from Bluffton in 1968. He was a printing machine operator at Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

Mr. Dulinsky was born Nov. 3, 1943, in Bluffton to George B. and Thelma L. (Weakly) Dulinsky. On May 17, 1968, in Murray, he married Joan M. Johnloz. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son, Tami and Darrell Hudson of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Susan Dulinsky of Washington, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Moose Lodge Scholarship Fund.

Robert Whysong

ASHLEY — Robert L. "Bud" Whysong, 88, of Ashley died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:08 p.m. at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Whysong was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 for more than 60 years. He also was a member of Pleasant Lake Order of the Eastern Star and the Pleasant Lake Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Pleasant Lake to Fred and Dora (Sink) Whysong.

He married Evelyn "Rusty" Light on Aug. 21, 1933. She died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Paul Chavez of Auburn, Janet and Don Casselman of Coldwater, Mich., and Carol and Mike Healey of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn and Evy Hovarter of Apopka, Fla., and Ethel Whipple of Fruitland Park, Fla.; his grandchildren and their spouses, Terry and Patch Hines, Christine and George Brand, Shelly and Jeff McComb, Suzanne Chavez, Dawn Casselman, Rhonda and Brad Blevins, Brian and Kim Healey and Mark and Todd Healey; and his great-grandchildren, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Mandy and Nate Culler, David Brand, Quinten Johnson, Jack McComb, Tate Johnston, Danielle Blevins, Kristin Blevins, Carley Blevins, Kelsey Blevins and Walker Healey.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Pauline Mergy, Alice Brooks and Luetta Mais, and a brother, Weir Whysong.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Brian Carsten will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Yetiva Humphries

HOOKSETT, N.H. — Former Angola resident Yetiva Humphries, 103, of Hooksett, N.H., died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004.

Mrs. Humphries was born Aug. 25, 1900, in Ossian, to Charles and Lois Clark. She resided in Angola for many years with her husband, John Humphries, who was the chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Tri-State University. She also taught English for many years at TSU, and was the oldest living former Tri-State teacher.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, and was active in civic affairs.

She was known for her love of music, especially classical music, and for her wit and humor.

She moved to Hooksett in 1998 to be closer to her family, and became a Boston Post Cane Holder in 2002.

She had been in declining health for the past several years.

Surviving are a daughter, Yvonne Detweiler of Saugerties, N.Y.; a son, Charles Humphries of Hooksett; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Girlie Brill

AUBURN — Girlie D. Brill, 53, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Select Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brill worked as a machine operator at Electric Motors in Garrett for 32 years. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born March 21, 1951, in Talcum, Ky., to Leonard and Mayoma (Ritchie) Dobson. Her mother survives in Auburn. Her father preceded her in death.

She married Steve Brill on Jan. 15, 1972, in Waterloo. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Kevin Casselman of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Willis and Ilene Dobson of Auburn and Charlie and Staci Dobson of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mabel and Don Beber of Auburn and Pauline and Gary Krider of Kinderhook, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Logan, Layton and Makenzie Casselman of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Relay for Life.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Daniel Bennett

BUTLER — Calling for Daniel Paul Bennett, 59, of Butler is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Mr. Bennett

Mr. Bennett died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

An obituary in Wednesday's edition listed an incorrect starting time for calling. We apologize for the error.

Alice Mynhier

ELKHART — Alice V. Mynhier, 80, of Elkhart died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Woodland Manor Nursing Home of Elkhart.

Mrs. Mynhier

Mrs. Mynhier retired as a registered nurse. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and the Ligonier American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary.

She enjoyed making pine needle baskets, needle work, sewing, RV traveling and wintering in Arizona.

Mrs. Mynhier was born July 10, 1923, in Whitley County to Irvin P. and Emma R. (Hissong) Bair. On Aug. 4, 1944, in Leesburg, she married Joseph Mynhier. He died in July 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Terrance LaNouette of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Margaret Mynhier of Marietta, Ga., and Joseph and Vivian Mynhier of Zionsville; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; two sisters, Pauline Erdly and Kathern Brazzell, both of Ligonier; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor David Whitmore officiating. Private family burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Amelia Yoder

GOSHEN — Amelia Yoder, 85, of Goshen died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 10:45 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Dec. 12, 1918, in Nappanee to Martin and Lovina (Yoder) Yoder.

Surviving are two sisters, Amanda Christner of Topeka and Ida Mae Christner and husband, Kenneth, of LaGrange; two half sisters and their husbands, Susie and Jesse Schlabach of Goshen and Katie and Amos Miller of Middlebury; a stepsister, Amanda Schrock of Topeka; a stepsister-in-law, Alberta (Beechy) Miller of Goshen; a brother, Elmer Yoder of Topeka; and two stepbrothers, Dan Beechy of Goshen and Levi Beechy of Humansville, Mo.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m Saturday at the Freeman Weaver residence, 4685 W. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the Jesse Schlabach residence, 12648 S.R. 4, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

George Heckman

AUBURN — George W. Heckman, 83, of Auburn died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Heckman had moved to Auburn in 2000 from Whitley County. He had lived in Fort Wayne until 1970.

He had been a machine operator at Fruehoff for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He then farmed for six years.

He enjoyed gardening.

Mr. Heckman was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City for 30 years and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn for the past four years.

He was born April 3, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Martin C. and Florence (Morton) Heckman. On Nov. 28, 1946, in Fort Wayne, he married Helen Decker. She died June 30, 2000.

Surviving is a sister, Ruth Alfeld of Campbell, Calif.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Floyd.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County or to the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to reflect a change in service arrangements.*

Lucille Farnham

EDGERTON, Ohio — Lucille M. Farnham, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she was a resident. She had been in failing health for two months.

Mrs. Farnham was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Monclova, Ohio, to Howard P. and Eva (Comstock) Hinkle. She married Ronald M. Farnham on Dec. 24, 1941, in Swanton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of Edgerton United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, a former member of Evening Star Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star, the Priscella Club, and the Edgerton Garden Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and LeeAnn Farnham of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Denise Farnham of Edgerton; a brother, Lyle Hinkle of Mansfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Farnham, a brother, Robert Hinkle, and a sister, Betty Hinkle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Edgerton United Methodist Church, Edgerton, with Pastor Ned Adams officiating. Calling will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery near Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Mary Golden

ANGOLA — Mary Jean Golden, 76, of Angola, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Golden was born Jan. 17, 1928, in Angola, to Herman C. and Joyce K. (Miller) Kohl.

She was a secretary at Tri-State University in Angola for 23 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Psi Iota Xi Rho Chapter and several bridge clubs.

She attended Tri-State University.

Surviving are a son, Gregory L. Golden of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer Harting of Winona Lake; two sisters, Virginia Somerlott of Angola and June Peet of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Chad Ward, Matt Denig, Dawn Bradley and Stephanie Johnson; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Calling WILL BE Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Tri-State University or the Angola United Methodist Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Robert Whysong

ASHLEY — Robert L. "Bud" Whysong, 88, of Ashley died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:08 p.m. at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Whysong was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 for more than 60 years. He also was a member of Pleasant Lake Order of the Eastern Star and the Pleasant Lake Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Pleasant Lake to Fred and Dora (Sink) Whysong.

He married Evelyn "Rusty" Light on Aug. 21, 1933. She died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Paul Chavez of Auburn, Janet and Don Casselman of Coldwater, Mich., and Carol and Mike Healey of LaGrange; two sisters, Evelyn "Evy" Hovarter of Apopka, Fla., and Ethel Whipple of Fruitland Park, Fla.; his grandchildren and their spouses, Terry and Patch Hines, Christine and George Brand, Shelly and Jeff McComb, Suzanne Chavez, Dawn Casselman, Rhonda and Brad Blevins, Brian and Kim Healey and Mark and Todd Healey; and his great-grandchildren, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Mandy and Nate Culler, David Brand, Quinten Johnson, Jack McComb, Tate Johnston, Danielle Blevins, Kristin Blevins, Carley Blevins, Kelsey Blevins and Walker Healey.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Pauline Mergy, Alice Brooks and Luetta Mais, and a brother, Weir Whysong.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Brian Carsten will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Richard Sickels

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard D. Sickels, 71, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Sickels was born April 28, 1933, in Bronson, Mich., to Claude Maurice and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels. He married Ila M. Clearwater on Nov. 29, 1952, in Angola. She survives.

He grew up in Steuben County, and was raised by his grandparents, Emery and Gertrude Spade. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56. He worked at Voltek in Coldwater, and retired in 1996.

He was a 1951 graduate of Fremont High School. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and photography.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Sickels and Rodney Sickels, both of Coldwater; a brother, Durwood Sickels of Jamestown; a sister, Doris Smith of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Indiana time on Saturday at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Pastor Matt Sargent of the East Ovid United Brethren Church officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of one's choice.

Helen Friend

WATERLOO — Helen Friend, 82, of Waterloo died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Friend worked at Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1987.

She was affiliated with two churches, Corunna Community Church and Waterloo Assembly of God.

She was a 1939 graduate of Waterloo High School and a member of the Pythian Sisters.

She was born May 26, 1921, in Waterloo to Claude J. and Grace (Saltsman) Meyer. They preceded her in death.

She married Jairus M. Friend on Sept. 22, 1946, in Waterloo. He died March 18, 2001.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Kerstin Friend of Flossmoor, Ill., James M. and Carol Friend of Bryan, Ohio, and Mark A. Friend of Waterloo; one sister, Vinnie Harriet Martin of Hicksville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Lindsey Moloney, Jonathan Friend, Lori Nawrocki, Sandi Washburn and Vanessa Friend; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Anthony and Rebekah Nawrocki and Justin Genot.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Eleanor Buss.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Anna Kline

AUBURN — Anna L. Kline, 77, of Auburn died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kline co-owned and operated Kline Cleaners in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1985.

She was born April 30, 1927, to Carlton and Jeannette (Parker) Aldrich.

Her husband, Charles Kline, died in 1993.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sharon Kline of Auburn and Jeffrey and Karen Kline of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Rick Purdy of Auburn; three brothers, Wayne Aldrich of Angola and Bruce Aldrich and Lynn Aldrich, both of Hamilton; two sisters, Mina Palmer of Auburn and Lois Johnston of Butler; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kline

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Surfus; five brothers, Gene, Carlton, Thomas, Larry and Clifford Aldrich; and five sisters, Ruth Shearer, Thelma Wappes, Betty Bonecutter, Beverly Hathaway and Carol Lou Stoltz.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Eugene Trammel

FORT WAYNE — Eugene N. "Gene" Trammel, 69, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Parkview Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Trammel was a machinist with B.F.Goodrich Co. for 25 years and a veteran of the Korean War. He enjoyed volleyball, fishing and wood carving.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. Herport-Trammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly J. Bailey of Auburn, and Becky J. and David F. Bockelman of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Daryl E. Trammel of Waterloo, and Brent R. and Trudy Trammel of Roanoke; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa A. and Rod Bullis of West Bend, Wis.; a stepson, David W. Herport of Albion; four sisters, Peggy Gordon of Coldwater, Mich., Eileen Croghan of Orland, Myra Behrer of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Werling of Zanesville, Ohio; one brother, Jay Trammel of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at noon Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Janet Raynor

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Janet Macomber Raynor, 73, of Philadephia died Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Quadrangle in Haverford, Pa. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for a lengthy period of time.

Mrs. Raynor was born in Kendallville the daughter of William H. and Mary Ann (Adams) Macomber. She was the oldest of five children. She attended high school at Tudor Hall in Indianapolis and graduated from Smith College in 1952.

While in college she met her husband, William A. Raynor Jr., an Amherst College graduate. They married in 1952 and moved to the Philadelphia area where they raised three children.

She was an active volunteer for the Smith College Alumnae Association, the Junior League of Philadelphia and the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing bridge and attending performances of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Surviving are a daughter, Anne R. Patton of Denver, Colo.; two sons, William A. Raynor III and Roy A. Raynor, both of Malvern, Pa.; two brothers, Marshall A. Macomber of Indianapolis and Herbert H. Macomber of LaGrange, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Local arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

James DeBrular

BURKE, Va. — Interment services for James DeBrular, 88, of Burke and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Fort Myers, Fla., will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

Pastor Don Poyser will officiate.

The family will greet visitors at the grave site at 1 p.m.

Mr. DeBrular died Nov. 28, 2003, in Burke.

He was a native of Cromwell, Ind., and the son of Ellsworth and Nellie (Sparrow) DeBrular.

Among his survivors are his wife of 66 years, Edna (Beers) DeBrular of Burke; two daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and Roger Foote of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Nancy and Fred Richardson of Falls Church; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Laura DeBrular of Fairfax, Va.; a brother and sister-in-law, John Thomas and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; a sister-in-law Lela DeBrular of Milford, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Saturday, May 15, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors. We apologize for a typographical error and misunderstandings that led to the error.*

Nora Lyn Young

WATERLOO — Nora Lyn Young was stillborn Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of Jon and Mandy Young of Waterloo.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Cecil Freeburn of Auburn and Perry and Lona Young of Waterloo; a stepgrandfather, Bill Bonecutter of Hamilton; an aunt and uncle, Jenny and Ted Meyers; a cousin, Emily Meyers; a step aunt, Kim Anderson; a step uncle, Mike Bonecutter of Garrett; her great-grandparents, Richard and Ann Squier of Waterloo, Otelia Young of Auburn, Margaret Phillips of New Haven and Paul and Gladys Freeburn of Auburn; and a stepgreat-grandmother, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Cathy Bonecutter of Hamilton, great-grandfathers William Young and Boyd Phillips and a stepgreat-grandfather, William Bonecutter.

Services will be held at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Mildred Yoder

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mildred W. Yoder, 82, of Glendale and formerly of Goshen, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Glencroft Care Center in Glendale.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker. She had moved to Glendale in 1992.

She was a member of Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale and made quilts for the Glencroft Retirement Community's annual auction.

Mrs. Yoder

Mrs. Yoder was born June 27, 1921, in Noble County, to Eldon and Maude E. (Hostetler) Yoder. On July 2, 1949, she married Aaron "Pete" Yoder. He died Oct. 13, 2003.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maxine and Willard Yoder of Topeka and Marcile and Tom Mehl of Milford; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Mervin and Joann Yoder of Topeka, Maurice and Gladys Yoder of Wakarusa, Merle and Sue Yoder of Middlebury and Meredith and Eloise Yoder of Wauseon, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Gonser, and two brothers, Marion and Mylin Yoder.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 9-10:30 a.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Glencroft Zion Foundation.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Seaman

HAMILTON — Margaret L. Seaman, 85, of Hamilton died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 4:40 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Seaman was a clerk at Sears Roebuck in Fort Wayne for 30 years. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 25, 1918, in Roanoke to Earl and Lola (Platt) Farrell. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Delbert Seaman, preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Jo Stuckey of Hamilton; two sisters, Doris Miller and Francine Moncrief, both of Searcy, Ark.; two grandsons and their wives, Jim and Amber Stuckey and Joe and Tiffany Stuckey, all of Hamilton; and three great-grandchildren, Blake, Jackson and Morgan Stuckey.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Dale Farrell, and a sister, Joan Turrentine.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Hoverstock Cemetery at Zanesville. Pastor Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home in Butler is handling arrangements.

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Dana Sabrosky

GARRETT — Dana B. Sabrosky, 54, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 8:52 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Sabrosky was a maintenance man at the Ark Of Jesus Church in Garrett, where he also was a board member.

He was born Nov. 11, 1949, in Kendallville to Howard L. and Mary Kay (Strecker) Sabrosky. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sabrosky of Garrett; and three brothers, Kevin Sabrosky of Kendallville, Kirk Sabrosky of Fort Wayne and C.J. Sabrosky of Laguna Hills, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Larry Proxmire

PAYNE, Ohio — Larry W. "Pork" Proxmire, 62, of Payne, Ohio, died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 5:55 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Proxmire had retired from Sims Manufacturing of Payne, Ohio, and was currently employed at PC Workshop in Paulding, Ohio. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Flat Rock Lodge 580 F&AM, both in Payne, Ohio.

He was born May 23, 1941, in Paulding, Ohio to Darell and Thelma (Pease) Proxmire. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Joan E.; two sons, David Proxmire of Hudson and Greg Proxmire of Paulding, Ohio; four daughters, Judy Jennings of Butler, Nancy Ottinger of Middlebury and Anne Deal and Lanette Ruger, both of Paulding, Ohio; one brother, Rex Proxmire of Fort Myers, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne. The Rev. G. Allan Fillman will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery at Payne.

Calling will be Tuesday after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at Slade Funeral Home, 206 S. Main St., Payne,with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Payne EMS.

Rose Becker-Steele

ASHLEY — Rose J. Becker-Steele, 63, of Ashley died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 12:20 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a registered medical assistant and worked in private-duty home health care.

She was born Dec. 26, 1940, in Kendallville, to Kenton E. and Ruby (Hoffman) Becker. Her father survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sheryl Mowery of Leo and Deborah Boyle of Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Gary Hanna and Rob Hanna, both of Hudson; four sisters, Jean Becker of Fort Wayne, Gail Perl of Fort Wayne, Diane LeBrun of Pleasant Lake and Deborah Ensley of Minnesota; a brother, Jerry Becker of Lake James; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church, 11225 Grabill Road, Leo.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Nimtz

LAGRANGE — Michael H. Nimtz, 68, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Jonesboro, Ind., the former Allen County resident was a captain with the Fort Wayne Fire Department for 25 years and in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1963.

He was a member of Lutheran Laymans League and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Stroh, and owner and operator of Camera Service Center for 20 years (master technician).

Surviving are: his wife Gloria, LaGrange; a son, Steven M. Nimtz, Cromwell; four daughters, Betty J. Pennington, McClure, Ill., Cheryl A. Nimtz and Diane M. Ressler, both of Columbia City, and Jennifer L. Nimtz, Lansing, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Charlotte Miller; a brother, William (Bill) Nimtz; and a grandchild, Jennifer Hecht, in 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 10275E C.R. 5505, Stroh. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Altar Fund.

John Tuka

FREMONT — John James Tuka, 76, of Fremont, formerly of Orland, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Berwyn, Ill., on Sept. 6, 1927, he was born to John and Mary (Barabash) Tuka. He married Ruth Noe. She survives.

Mr. Tuka owned and operated the Orland Lounge from 1984 to 1990 and other businesses in Michigan throughout the years.

He lived in Dowagiac and Martin in Michigan before coming to Orland in 1984, and then moving to Fremont in November 2002.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: four sons, Thomas Tuka, New Galilee, Penn., Eugene Tuka, Laurel, Mont., Anthony Tuka, Sturgis, Mich., and Frank Tuka, Dowagiac, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Maria and Thomas Timmer, Waland, Texas, and Lisa and Marty Kain, Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Tony Krukowski, Dowagiac, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Joseph Tuka, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake, Fremont, with the Rev. Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, May 17, 2004

Sylvia Blake

KENDALLVILLE — Sylvia Rita Blake, 81, of Ligonier died at 12:25 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Blake

She retired from Essex as a laborer. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church, The Golden Girls, and volunteered in the first-grade class at West Noble Elementary School.

Mrs. Blake enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, reading, traveling and camping.

She was born March 11, 1923, in Goshen to Chauncy and Elizabeth "Ellen" (Bechtel) Granger. On June 21, 1941, in Goshen, she married Paul Duane Blake. He died June 16, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and two son-in-laws, Sally Baker of Kendallville, Paula and Rick Fought-Morrison of Kendallville and Karen and David Burns of Ligonier; two sisters, Carol Buchtel of Goshen and Clara Wagner of Portland, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were five sisters, Mayverd Shrock, Eunice Riley, Elsie Rockenbaugh, Verda Ganger and Glee Ganger; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God Church.

Norman Pierson

FORT WAYNE — Norman F. Pierson, 68, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

He was a life underwriter for Lincoln National Life, retiring in 1995, and worked for Wild Birds Unlimited.

Mr. Pierson was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, Shoaff Park Lions Club and the National Audubon Society. He loved nature and birds.

He was born Dec. 4, 1935, in Jackson, Mich., to Kenneth and Eloise Pierson. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Jeffrey Zink of Grabill; a son, Edwin Pierson of Auburn; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Charles B. and Ruth Pierson of Berrien Springs, Mich.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. A Lions Club service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church or Polycystic Kidney Foundation.

Adelaide Hauschild

AUBURN — Adelaide Halliday Hauschild, 93, died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Hauschild worked as a seamstress for the Park Ridge Bridal Store in Park Ridge, Ill., retiring in 1974.

She formerly lived in Riverview, Fla., Park Ridge, Ill., and Dumfries, Scotland.

She was born March 27, 1911, in Dumfries, Scotland, to Frank and Grace (Farish) Dawson.

She married James Halliday in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1933. He died in 1979.

She then married Alfred Hauschild in August 1985 in Massachusetts. He died in January 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ian D. and Marlene Halliday of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Karen Hauschild of Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Tami Miske, Jami Keegan, Sean Halliday, Kevin Halliday, Craig Halliday and Katy Hummer; four stepgrandchildren, Ron E. Glass, Karen Maxwell, Terri Crowl and Shirlene Harding; 11 great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Francis Halliday; one daughter, Margaret Halliday; and one stepgrandson, Karl D. Glass.

Graveside services will be in Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Charles Burniston

GARRETT — Charles W. Burniston, 73, of Garrett died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Born in Auburn, he was a truck driver with AH Perfects and Brada Miller Freight, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving are one son, Bill, of Garrett; two daughters, Cathy Griffith of Garrett and Teri Phillips of Nebraska; three brothers, Ray Burniston of Garrett, Bob Burniston of Bluffton and Walter Burniston of Auburn; two sisters, Ilo Fankhauser of Fort Wayne and Dorothy Contadellucci of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl R. and Margaret Burniston; his wife, M. Alice, whom he married Nov. 26, 1955; two brothers, Jim and Joe Burniston, and a sister, Mary Rottger.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the First Church of Christ Ladies of the Church.

Evelyn Oaks

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn "Evie" F. Day Oaks, 89, of Fort Wayne has died.

She was born March 31, 1915, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elson C. and Leota Fay Sauvain Dey.

Mrs. Oaks was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her nieces, Sharon R. Smith of Fort Wayne, Fay Kleber of Garrett, and Linda Stoffer and E. Joan Dey of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Richard D. Dey of Warsaw and Fredrick Dey of East Peoria, Ill.; and numerous cousins and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Oaks, in 1990; her parents; and brothers Fred and DeWayne Dey.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Marys Ave., with pastor David Easterday officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mildred Campbell-Herendeen

AVILLA — Mildred L. Campbell-Herendeen 84, of Avilla died at 8:05 p.m., Sunday, May 16, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Campbell-Herendeen was a homemaker and farmer. She retired from farming in 1988.

She moved to Avilla 17 years ago from Green Township near Albion.

She was a member of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. She loved watching butterflies and birds and doing cross stitching, knitting and crocheting. She collected elephant items.

Mrs. Campbell-Herendeen was born Dec. 8, 1919, in Payne, Ohio, to Arthur and Flora Elizabeth (Foreman) Murphy. They are deceased. On June 12, 1937, in Albion, she married Lawrence Campbell. He died in 1984. She then married Lawrence Herendeen on Sept. 26, 1998, at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. He died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Leigh and Nancy Campbell of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Terry Goser of Avilla; seven stepchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Mildred Murphy of Jackson, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, LeRoy Murphy, and a sister, Clara Overholser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harvest Community Church and Kendallville-LaGrange Hospice.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Russel Strouse

KENDALLVILLE — Russel J. "Bud" Strouse, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Strouse

Mr. Strouse was a lifetime Kendallville resident and was a self-employed building contractor for new construction and remodeling projects from 1955 until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member and past trustee of Trinity Church United Methodist and was a volunteer at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

Mr. Strouse was a charter member of the Kendallville Police Reserves since 1962 and a member of the Emergency Management of Noble County.

He was born March 22, 1921, to William H. and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940. On Sept. 25, 1943, he married Betty Lucille Strater. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carson and Tawnya Strouse of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Neil Trim of Gibsonville, N.C.; a son-in-law, Michael Summers of Auburn; three sisters, Deloruse Young, Ruby Trowbridge and Betty Shanton, all of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Katherine Ligman and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Nicole Summers of Auburn, Michelle Trim Wilsom of Chassell, Mich., Heather Kline of Kendallville, and Taylar Knox of Wawaka; four grandsons, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville, Robert Trim of Gibsonville, N.C., Skyler Strouse of Wawaka, and Nathan Terry of Wawaka; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Summers, and a brother, William Strouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jill Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Jill N. Emerick, 32, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at 11:21 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Ms. Emerick

A lifetime area resident, she was a 1989 graduate of East Noble High School.

She was born June 18, 1971, in Kendallville to James Allen and Janet (Pant) Emerick. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Cody Allen Young and Cory James Hansbrough; a sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Terry DeLong of Avilla; two half sisters, Jo Jordan and Janet Branning; and a niece, Laura DeLong.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the future education of her sons.

Marjorie Frick

STURGIS, Mich. — Marjorie Ellen Frick, 84, of Sturgis died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Frick resided in Sturgis since 1954, coming from Kendallville, Ind. She was a homemaker and attended Sturgis Wesleyan Church. She enjoyed fishing and flower and vegetable gardening.

She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Noble County, Ind., to Walter and Sarah (Zumbrumn) Trowbridge. On April 21, 1940, she married Howard Paul Frick in Kendallville. He survives.

Also survivng are a daughter, Brenda Bull of Atwater, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane and Jane Frick of Shipshewana, Ind., and Dean Frick of San Francisco, Calif.; three granddaughters, Cindy Arnold, Bethany Clopp and Christina Chapin, all of Texas; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sturgis Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Brian Poole officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Senior Center.

James Snodgrass

COLUMBIA CITY — James R. Snodgrass, 69, of Columbia City died at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass retired in 1996 from Northeastern REMC where he had been employed 40 years.

He was a member of Eagles Lodge 1906 and enjoyed gardening, yard work and growing flowers.

He was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Wolf Lake to Russell and Frances (Blanchard) Snodgrass. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1953. On Aug. 14, 1954, he married Virginia M. Krider. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Darl and Deborah Snodgrass of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Lynn Bradtmueller and Deb Lock, all of Albion; a brother, Doyle Snodgrass of Florida; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Adams Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Stephen Kiplinger

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — Stephen Daniel Kiplinger, 96, of Marysville and formerly of Lewisville, Ind., died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Heartland of Marysville.

Mr. Kiplinger was a Friends Church minister, evangelist and chalk artist for more than 50 years.

He served pulpits all over the United States and had retired from Broadway Christian Chapel in Cromwell, Ind.

He was a graduate of Cleveland Bible College, now Malone College, and had worked as a commercial artist, billboard designer, interior designer, cartoonist, woodworker and oil painter of portraits, still life and landscapes.

Prior to his clergy service, he had worked for Sinclair Refining Co. as a sign artist, painting the company's trademark green dinosaur logo by hand.

Mr. Kiplinger had served as a Bible scholar, counselor and children's vacation Bible school coordinator. He and his wife directed the Transient House in Cincinnati, a Salvation Army shelter for women and children.

He was a member of Wawasee Nazarene Church in Syracuse, Ind., the National Magicians Society and served as the Indiana region chaplain of the National Christian Motorcyclists Club.

Mr. Kiplinger enjoyed fishing, boating, reading and gardening.

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Lynette Walkner

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Lynette Ann Jaquay Walkner, 44, of Apache Junction died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the home of her mother in Scottsdale after a long battle with cancer.

She had lived in Kendallville, Ind., and attended school there.

She moved to Scottsdale when she was 13. She had been a beautician for Cost Cutters for 18 years.

She was born Dec. 1, 1959, in Angola, Ind. Her mother, Janet Jaquay, survives in Scottsdale. Her father, Don Jaquay, preceded her in death in 1971.

Also surviving are two daughter, Beth Ann and Diane Marie Walkner of Apache Junction; a friend, Patrick "Pecos" Schlecht of Apache Junction; and several aunts and uncles in the LaGrange, Ind., area.

There are no services. She donated her body to science.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville provided the information.

Stephen Kiplinger Con't

He was born Dec. 3, 1907, in Lewisville to Benjamin Franklin and Argolda (Adams) Kiplinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Reece Kiplinger, in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Glenn Althouse of Marysville and Mary and Jim Clark of Frankton, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Mary Eva Kiplinger of Frankton; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Lela Kiplinger of Woodland, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Two brothers, Kilborne and Frank Kiplinger, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Underwood Funeral Home, 703 E. Fifth St., Marysville.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lewisville Cemetery in Lewisville with the Rev. Glenn Althouse and the Rev. Michael Gillett officiating.

Memorials are to the church youth camp, Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent online to www.underwoodfuneralhome.com.

Joel Houck

PLEASANT LAKE — Joel W. Houck Jr., 31, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in Waterloo.

Mr. Houck

Mr. Houck was born on Oct. 21, 1972, in Coldwater, Mich., to Joel Sr. and Susan (Burkhart) Houck. He married Connie M. Baker on May 1, 1998, in Las Vegas. His parents survive in Sherwood, Mich., and his wife survives in Pleasant Lake.

He was employed as an electrician at Gerbers Electric in Woodburn. His hobbies included horseback riding, wrestling and chess. He was a Detroit Red Wings hockey fan. He was a graduate of Bronson High School, Bronson, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, Tristin Houck, at home; two sisters, Gina Horn and Shantel Sisinski, both of Sherwood; maternal grandmother, Ruth Burkhart of Yakima, Wash.; and paternal grandparents, Max and Elsie Houck of DeLeon Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Earl Burkhart, and his grandmother, Wilma (Howald) Houck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Donald E. Meyers officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Arco Goller

HAMILTON — Arco M. Goller, 96, of Hamilton died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Goller was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, in May 11, 1908, to Bessie (Stout) and Waldo M. Sattison. She married James Goller on Sept. 4, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in April, 1986.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Jehovah Witnesses of Auburn. She also served as secretary of the Hamilton Grange.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne J. and Jacqueline Goller of Butler; a daughter, Carole Sue Forrester of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother, Delmar Sattison of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vada Ridge of Stewart, Fla., and Phyllis and Ralph Farrington of Auburn; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, John Sattison.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Pastor Chet Swearinger officiating. Calling will be today from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Ney Cemetery, Ney, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Grace Rader

TUCSON, Ariz. — Grace Jean Rader, 93, died May 12, 2004, at Peach Tree Care Center in Tucson, where she had been in failing health for several years.

She had been active in the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Civic Theater, where she enjoyed performing the works of Shakespeare. She was a graduate of Auburn (Ind.) High School in the class of 1928.

She was born May 5, 1911, in Auburn to Sam and Zoe Davenport.

Her husband of 30 years, Glen Rader, died March 19, 2004.

Surviving are a niece, Marilyn Saalfrank of Hoagland, Ind.; nephew Roger Davenport of Graff, Mo.; nine grandnieces and grandnephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Franklin A. Davenport.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the donor's hospice of choice.

Russell Spencer

HUDSON — Russell K. Spencer, 69, of rural Hudson died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Spencer was born in Albion on March 7, 1935, to Lonnie and Vina (Hoxie) Spencer. He married Carolyn Squier on Dec. 17, 1961, and she survives.

He worked at Squier Sawmill in Waterloo and Hudson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Also surviving is a brother, Gilbert Spencer of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, James K. Spencer in 1962, and a sister, Bertha Fry, in 1999.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Corunna Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper and to add information.*

Richard Sickels

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard D. Sickels, 71, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Sickels was born April 28, 1933, in Bronson, Mich., to Claude Maurice and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels. He married Ila M. Clearwater on Nov. 29, 1952, at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola. She survives.

He grew up in Steuben County. His mother died when he was 9 months old, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Emery and Gertrude Spade. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56. He worked at Voltek in Coldwater, and retired in 1996.

He was a 1951 graduate of Fremont High School. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and photography.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Sickels and Rodney Sickels, both of Coldwater; a brother and sister-in-law, Durwood and Evelyn Sickels of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorris and De Burl Smith of Angola; two half sisters and their husbands, Donna and Hal First of Hudson and Patricia and George Hanna of Bryan, Ohio; three grandsons; and a great-grandson.

Services were Saturday at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Pastor Matt Sargent of the East Ovid United Brethren Church officiating.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Friday, May 21, 2004

LaDonna Wiseman

ORLAND — LaDonna M. Wiseman, 77, of Orland died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Wiseman

She was a homemaker and partner in the family business, Wiseman Auto Parts in Orland. She was a member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, cooking and taking care of her family.

She was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Deshler, Ohio, to Frank and Mabel (Kauffman) Jones. On Jan. 16, 1946, she married Everett E. (Gene) Wiseman. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mike Clark of Orland; a daughter and her companion, Lynn Wiseman and Steve Foster of Angola; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Kenneth E. Wiseman, both of Orland, and Larry W. and Cindy Wiseman of Howe; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Monna Jones of Auburn.

Five brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Maude Weismeyer

HOWE — Maude M. Weismeyer, 92, of Howe died at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Weismeyer had been a secretary at Champion International Paper Co. in Hamilton, Ohio.

She was born July 12, 1911, in Shandon, Ohio, the daughter of Lorenca and Vida (Williamson) Morehouse. Her husband, Carl Weismeyer, preceded her in death.

Surviving are several nieces.

Services will be noon (Ohio time) Monday at the Charles Young Funeral Home in Ross, Ohio. Burial will be in New London Cemetery in Shandon.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to Lima United Methodist Church or the Congregational Church in Shandon.

Nora Lyn Young

WATERLOO — Services for Nora Lyn Young will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

She was stillborn Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Her parents, Jon and Mandy Young, survive in Waterloo.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the Trinity Lutheran Church Nursery.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Mary Kimmel

ELKHART — Mary Elizabeth Kimmel, 97, of Elkhart died at noon Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at her residence in Hubbard Hills Estates.

Mrs. Kimmel

Mrs. Kimmel had moved to Hubbard Hills Estates in 1998 from Ohio. She had been the owner of Wilkins Market from 1937-1959 and had owned Shawnee IGA from 1959-1969.

She was a member of Shawnee United Methodist Church. She was an avid golfer, playing golf at Hawthorne Hills at Lima, Ohio, into her 80s.

Mrs. Kimmel was born June 6, 1906, in Allen County, Ohio, the daughter of John E. and Emma (Sherer) Wilkin. She graduated from South High School in Lima in 1925. In 1926, she married Donald E. Kimmel. He died June 2, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Kay Kimmel of Middlebury and Robert and Sue Kimmel of Aiken, S.C.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Edward Eugene Kimmel in 1932; four sisters, Cora Umbaugh, Ota Nichols, Clara Ward and Pearl Copp; and a brother, Cloyd Wilkin.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Ohio time at Siferd Funeral Home, 506 N. Cable Road, Lima, with the Rev. Brian King of Shawnee United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Lima.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shawnee United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Friday, May 21, 2004

Carl Copen

GOSHEN — Carl E. Copen, 71, of Goshen died at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Copen

Mr. Copen had lived in the Cromwell, Kimmell and Goshen area for 32 years, moving here from Charleston, W.Va.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Copen retired from Freudenburg NOK in Ligonier. Prior to that, he had worked fo 17 years at Anderson Boling in Goshen.

He loved to fish and pitch horseshoes.

Mr. Copen was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Charleston the son of Idine and Eva L. (Hoover) Copen. On May 18, 1964, in Pearisburg, Va., he married Nancy Smith. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Annette Priestley of LaGrange and Carl "Mike" and Heather Copen of Millersburg; a sister, Janet Teel of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sons and two brothers, James and Kenneth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health and Hospice.

Lila Schmuck

AVILLA — Lila M. Schmuck, 88, of Avilla died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Schmuck was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed doing crafts and loved music. She will be remembered as a very happy person.

Mrs. Schmuck was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Green Township in Noble County the daughter of George and Hazel (McCreary) Owen. On April 30, 1938, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion she married Carl S. Schmuck. He died June 29, 1982.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Myrtle and George Bohnenberger of Avilla and Irene Molargik of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Ted and Paul Owen; and a sister, Lavina Buckles Maulsby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

Edna Foster

CORUNNA — Edna B. Foster, 72, of Corunna died today, Friday, May 21, 2004, at her DeKalb County home.

Among her survivors are her husband, Donald.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Frances Eshelman

LAGRANGE — Frances I. Eshelman, 92, of LaGrange died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had resided for two months.

Mrs. Eshelman

Mrs. Eshelman had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville for three year prior to moving to the LaGrange facility. She had lived in Wolcottville most of her life.

She was a nurses aide and had retired from Sturgis Hospital after 10 years of service.

Mrs. Eshelman was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, the White Shrine, and the Twentieth Century Club.

She was born April 22, 1912, in LaGrange County the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Gardener) Zook. On Dec. 9, 1931, in Bristol she married Clifford G. Eshelman. He died July 16, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mable and Quincy Eugene Combs of Peru and Cheryl Stevens of Albion; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Hans and Cindy Schmidt, Tracey and Jennifer Schmidt, Jason and Susan Stevens, Melody and Kirk Obst, Denise Taft, Michele and Keith Smith and Kristina Rabe; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Anna Mae Eshelman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Saturday, May 22, 2004

David Braun

MIAMI, Fla. — David Christian Braun Jr., 35, of Miami and formerly of St. Cloud, Fla., died Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

He was born on July 1, 1968, in Mishawaka and moved with his family to St. Cloud in 1977. He graduated from St. Cloud High School and attended Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kan. In 1991 he moved to Miami and has worked for several restaurants as a customer relations director. He was active in sports.

Mr. Braun is survived by his father, David Braun Sr. of St. Cloud; a sister, Lori Ann Scott of St. Cloud; a nephew, Timothy Scott of St. Cloud; an uncle, Pastor Jerry Stroh of Washington, N.C.; an aunt and uncle, Lois and Rudy Mende of Tucson, Ariz.; and an aunt, Patty Evans of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his mother, M. Kay Braun, who died in 1987.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Fisk Funeral Home, St. Cloud. Mr. Braun will buried at Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Kissimmee, Fla., next to his mother.

Anna Troyer

TOPEKA — Anna Mae Troyer, 85, died at 1:48 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Sumner County, Kan., to Levi and Gertrude Yoder and moved to LaGrange County in her youth.

She married David C. Troyer Dec. 10, 1940. He died June 24, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Marietta and Reuben Bontrager of Ligonier, Sarah Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, Carolyn and Edward Yoder of Garnett, Kan., and Vera Detwiler of Middlefield, Ohio; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Harley and Pat Troyer of Fort Lupton, Colo., David and Linda Troyer of Topeka, Mervin Troyer of LaGrange, Danny and Ruby Troyer of Shipshewana and Ray and Betty Troyer of Shipshewana; four sisters and their spouses, Edna and Orla Troyer of Topeka, Sara and Floyd Miller of Goshen, Mary and Alvin Miller of Goshen and Gertie and Orvil Christner of Wolcottville; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Sam and Lillian Yoder of Goshen, Alvin and Amanda Yoder of Goshen, bill and Joann Yoder of Goshen and Lee Yoder of Albuquerque, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a sister, Polly Miller, and two sons-in-law, Noah Yoder and Mervin Detwiler.

Visitation is after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home, 4140 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka, where the funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tracy Vece

MELROSE PARK, Ill. — Tracy (Varone) Vece of Melrose Park, Ill., died Friday, May 21, 2004.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Diane Vece of Auburn; a daughter, Pamela; two grandchildren, Joseph and James of Auburn; two brothers, James Varone and Dominick Varone; a sister, Mary Gallagher; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, a brother, John Varone, a sister-in-law, Christine Varone, and a brother-in-law, Tom Gallagher.

Services will be Monday, leaving at 10 a.m. from the Ed Prignano Funeral Home, 1815 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where Mass will be conducted at 10:30 a.m.

Entombment will be in Christ the King Garden Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Ned Kunsman

ANGOLA — Ned C. Kunsman, 69, Angola, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Kunsman was born Jan. 19, 1935, in Edon, Ohio, to Glen G. and Florence (Shepherd) Kunsman.

Mr. Kunsman

He married Mary H. Bolte on July 25, 1955, in Edon. She survives in Angola.

Mr. Kunsman retired from Dana-Weatherhead Division, Angola, in 1978. He formerly had a flea market business and NCK Enterprise. He was the current owner of Midwest Bolt & Tool.

He was a recent graduate of the Reppert School of Auctioneering. He was a 1953 graduate of Edon Northwest School. He enjoyed auctioneering, fishing, traveling, gardening and eating at restaurants.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons in-law, Frenche and Robert Salaiz of Angola, and Andre and Rob Dorsey of Fremont; two sisters, Joy Meeks of Edon, and Amy Keller of Angola; two brothers, Charles Kunsman of Bryan, Ohio, and Bill Kunsman of Edon; and two grandchildren, Tracey Renee Salaiz and Christopher David Salaiz.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Lynn Kunsman; a brother, John Kunsman; and his parents.

Services will be held at a later date. Memorials are to the family.

James Berry

CROMWELL — James F. Berry, 77, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at his residence. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

He was retired from the transformer section of General Electric Co. He was a member of the IUE-CWA AFLCIO Local 901 and was a past president of the Knapp Lake Association. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 21, 1926, in Fort Wayne to George and Matilda (Frantz) Berry. He married Ruth Berry Oct. 14, 1969, in Albion.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan and Jason Pitcher of Cromwell, Kathleen and Rex Daisey of Kernersville, N.C., Dr. Sally Berry of Trenton, N.J., and Saundra Berry of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Marie Berry of Fort Wayne, Richard and Denise Berry of Atlanta, Ga., and Timothy Berry of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, William Berry; two sisters, Delores Handley of Gary and Estella Fett of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Berry

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and George Berry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with the Rev. Mark Clough officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Edna Foster

CORUNNA — Edna B. Foster, 72, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at her residence in rural Corunna.

She was a homemaker.

She was born in Collins on Jan. 25, 1932, to Ervin and Goldie (McCoy) Addis.

Mrs. Foster

On Oct. 17, 1970, in Angola, she married H. Donald Foster.

Surviving are her husband; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jessie and Sabrina Thompson of Wolf Lake, Robert and Eva Thompson of Columbia City, Deloren Thompson of Dunlap, Tenn., and LeRoy Thompson of Woodward, Okla.; one stepdaughter, Beverly Watts of Portsmouth, Ohio; two sisters, Eva Garwood of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Gladys Asa of Houston, Texas; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Wayne Addis, and one sister, Ruby Marshall.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann LaCavaliar and her husband, Walter, of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; and a son, Jim Griffin of Arlington, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were held Friday in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

Louis Hersch

FREMONT — Louis C. Hersch, 80, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

He retired in 1986 after 44 years at Peerless Molded Plastics in Toledo. He enjoyed fishing and music.

He was born March 18, 1924, in Toledo to Alfred and Anna (Nehls) Hersch.

Mr. Hersch married Genevieve B. Franklin on Aug. 9, 1947, in Toledo.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Nancy Hersch of Toledo and Jon Hersch of Angola; a sister, Marian Gillespie of Toledo; three grandchildren, Stephen Hersch, Keith Hersch and Karen Foor; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Kenmore Hersch.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola or St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday, May 23, 2004

Mary Seymoure

WOLF LAKE — Mary L. Seymoure, 94, a former resident of the Wolf Lake area, died at 10:33 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington, where she had been a resident since March 2002.

Mrs. Seymoure

She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Noble County to Arden W. "Gid" and Anna Winebrenner.

On May 5, 1937, she married Harold R. "Jerry" Seymoure. They made their home in Columbia City and later moved to Thorncreek Township. They then returned to the Seymoure family farm south of Wolf Lake. Mr. Seymoure died April 13, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger A. and Connie Seymoure of Columbia City; a daughter, Ann Seymoure of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were 11 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

Marjorie Bakker

BRONSON, Mich. — Marjorie J. Bakker, 50, of Bronson and formerly of Angola, died Friday, May 21, 2004, in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a pharmacist at the Angola Kmart before retiring due to medical reasons.

She was born March 11, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Fredrick and Joyce (Lane) Markiton.

She married Dennis Bakker, who survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Joyce Meek of Pleasant Lake; a son, Spencer Bakker of Bronson; and two sisters, Joy Howell and Kay Leas, both of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Zion Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Spencer Bakker, care of Joyce Meek.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

Laura Knach

AVILLA — Laura Knach, 108, of Avilla, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Gerry Souder Jr.

AUBURN — Gerry R. Souder Jr., 88, of Auburn died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Souder owned and operated Souder Motors, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and Eagles Lodge 388 of Garrett.

He was a past member of the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

He was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Auburn to Gerry R. Souder Sr. and Bertha (Barve) Souder.

He married Esther L. Drerup on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn. She died May 8, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth, Mich.; a brother and his wife, Robert and Tressa Souder of Muncie; a sister-in-law, Katherine Souder of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Esther Souder; a brother, Stewart Souder; and a sister, Georganna Winebrenner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Monday, May 24, 2004

Richard Sierra

FORT WAYNE — Richard D. "Rick" Sierra, 51, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis while awaiting a liver transplant.

Mr. Sierra

Mr. Sierra, a Fort Wayne native, was a painter for 30 years and a member of the Painters Local Union 469.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 82. He was an avid fisherman and golfer and enjoyed playing the harmonica.

Surviving are his father, Joseph Sierra of Orland; his mother, Betty Elder of Fort Wayne; his wife, Tammy (Berkes) Sierra; a son, Joseph Sierra, at home; a brother, John Sierra; a sister, Stacey Elder of Fort Wayne; several uncles and aunts; and his fishing buddies, Deb and Mark Lahmeyer of Coral Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; several uncles and an aunt.

Calling will be from 2-8:30 p.m. Thursday at his wife's family home, the Johnson Strawberry Farm, 2283 S. U.S. 33. A military honor guard service is at 4 p.m. and a ministerial service is at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Sierra family at 2283 S. U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Laura Knach

AVILLA — Laura H. Knach, 108, of Avilla died at 6:55 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Knach

Mrs. Knach was a homemaker and farmer. She was employed at the St. James Restaurant for 19 years as a cook.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, baking cookies, playing cards, attending church and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Knach was born Dec. 12, 1895, in Avilla to Henry and Anne (Reimer) Teders. On May 31, 1930, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, she married Frank Knach. He died Dec. 9, 1949.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Betty Knach of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, LaVera and Don McCoy of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Randy Knach, Brenda Conley, Linda Gray, David McCoy, Kevin McCoy, LeAnn Robinson, Mark McCoy, Lynette Kanning and Lori Stout; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were six brothers, four sisters, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin and Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery at Ege.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or Masses to the church.

Dallas Shanks

FORT WAYNE — Dallas O. Shanks, 50, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Shanks was born Dec. 8, 1953, in Richmond, Ky. His mother, Anna King, survives in Fort Wayne, and his father, Harold Shanks, survives in Richmond.

Also surviving are his wife, Jesse Shanks of Fort Wayne; a son, Dallas M. Hakey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sheena Hakey of Fort Wayne; a brother, Michael Shanks of Richmond; two sisters, Deanna Logan and Michelle Rowe, both of Kendallville; several stepbrothers and stepsisters; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Daryl Shanks; a sister, Judy Hart; and stepfathers, Dewan Kilburn and Bob King.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Monday, May 24, 2004

Nancy Frain

AUBURN — Nancy D. Frain, 77, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 4:33 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Frain worked on the paint line at Electric Motors & Specialties Inc. in Garrett from February 1964 until her retirement in 1991.

She had lived in Garrett from 1966 until 1991, before moving to Auburn.

Born Sept. 30, 1926, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of George H. and Mary A. (Leguire) Randol.

Surviving are five daughters, Barbara A. McBride of Kendallville, Peggy Miller of Garrett, Cindy Bailey and Bonnie Huffman, both of Auburn, and Sandy Crager of Hueysville, Ky.; a brother, Raymond Randol of Garrett; a stepbrother, Michael Rodman of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband Rex Frain; a brother, Amos Randol; a sister, Kathryn Swonger; and a granddaughter, Tammy Koble.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery of LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Alliance Industries (Wee Haven Workshop).

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Bruce Beebe

CHURUBUSCO — Bruce G. Beebe, 70, of Churubusco died at 9:40 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beebe retired from North American Van Lines where he drove a truck for 25 years. He then worked in the home office for 14 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 499 in Fort Wayne, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and VFW Post 3846 of Churubusco.

Mr. Beebe enjoyed golf, cooking, hunting and spending time at the 33 Club.

He was born April 21, 1934, in Peoria, Ill., to Elmer Sr. and Georgia (Parker) Beebe Sr. On July 11, 1999, in Columbia City, he married Mary. Beebe. She survives.

Mr. Beebe

Also surviving are six daughters, Annie, Brenda, Pamela, Sara, Teresa and Tina; two stepdaughters, Lisa and Shelley; two sons, Bruce Jr. and Craig Beebe; a brother, Ronald; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a half brother, a sister and two half sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Floral Lawn Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mary Beebe.

Keith Mast

ST. JOE — Keith R. Mast, 73, died Sunday morning, May 23, 2004, at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Mast was retired from Renner's Express, where he worked as a diesel mechanic. He was a member of the Teamsters Union, Butler Eagles and the Model A Car Club.

He loved to hunt, fish and camp with his family.

He was born Aug. 10, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Meldo and Lena (Kingseed) Mast. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Jeanette Pettit on Dec. 1, 1972, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Larry Mast, Brian Mast and Kenny Stout of Fort Wayne, Charles Stout of Minnesota and John Stout of Tennessee; five daughters, Janet Mast of Arkansas, Gayle Mast of Fort Wayne, Marsha Doctor of Hoagland and Cindy Zook and Debbie Cauley, both of Butler; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Brunnegraff of Fort Wayne.

A son, Robert Mast, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville. Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Monday, May 24, 2004

Lois Short

MIDDLEBURY — Lois L. Short, 75, of Middlebury died at 4:05 a.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Short was a homemaker and licensed practical nurse and lived in Middlebury three weeks.

She was a member of Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio.

She was born Jan. 6, 1929, in Pettisville, Ohio, to Charles L. and Bessie (Frey) Miller. On July 7, 1949, at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Pettisville, she married Marvin D. Short. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Beverly Short of Middlebury; six daughters, including Renee and Gary Black of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters; five brothers, including Glen and Marilyn Miller of Goshen; 18 grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, a stillborn child, and five stillborn grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker with the Rev. Allen Rutter of Lockport Mennonite Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Lockport Cemetery in Stryker.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials to Lockport Mennonite Church, Gideons International, Mennonite Missions or the Mennonite Central Committee.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Junis Steele

LIGONIER — Junis T. Steele, 81, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Steele was a coal miner in Virginia and retired from All-Metal in Ligonier.

He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Ligonier and the United Mine Workers.

He enjoyed bird watching and whittling.

Mr. Steele was born April 8, 1923, in Norton, Va., to Ben and Venie (Wells) Steele. On May 3, 1947, in Norton, Va., he married Helen Brickey. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Steele of Ligonier; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Rita Steele of Kimmell, Glenn and Flo Steele of Ligonier, Gary Steele of Ligonier, Randy Steele and Ligonier, and Kevin Steele of Ligonier; two sisters, Carrie Belle Reed of Baltimore, Md., and Ethel Steele of Norton; 16 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one

Arthur Subkowski

ANGOLA — Arthur E. Subkowski, 89, of Angola, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Subkowski was born in Fort Wayne on July 7, 1914. He retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Pat Marsh of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Thomas Richard Christie, Kimberly Hartman and Joseph Richard Christie; and eight stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline; his second wife, Gladys, and a brother.

Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Phillip Naylor

MARGATE, Fla. — Phillip Gene Naylor, 54, of Margate and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, May 21, 2004.

Mr. Naylor is survived by his wife, Adriana E. Naylor, a son, Scott David Naylor and a daughter, Jessica Carrie Naylor, all of Margate; his parents, Clarence and Charlene Naylor of LaGrange; a brother, John Wayne Naylor of LaGrange; his father-in-law and mother-in-law in Pompano Beach, Fla.; and many relatives in New York.

Services were today at AAA Baird-Case Broward Memorial Funeral Home, 4701 N. S.R. 7, Tamarac, Fla. 33319.

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Mildred Harrison

ALBION — Mildred Ann Harrison, 65, of Albion died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at the home of her son.

Mrs. Harrison had resided in Whitley County until moving to Noble County in 2001. She retired in 1992 from Hardee's Restaurant after five years of service.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and New Hope Wesleyan Church.

She was born Nov. 10, 1938, in Columbia City to Homer and Mabel (Brown) Hursey. On Nov. 22, 1933, in Whitley County, she married Cecil J. Harrison. He died Oct. 12, 1991.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Kathy Harrison of Albion and Shannon and Kathy Harrison of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Malana and Steve Alvey of Columbia City and Shawn Foster and her fiancé, Ted Collins, of Columbia City; a half brother and his wife, James and Ida Mac Staples of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three daughter, Debbie, Karan and Sherry Harrison; two sisters, Sharon Harrison and Juanita Jackson; a granddaughter, Christina Farber; and a great-granddaughter, Becca Farber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Richard officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home.

Robert Fulk

KENDALLVILLE — Robert N. Fulk, 85, of Kendallville and formerly of Churubusco died at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004. He had been in declining health and under the care of Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Mr. Fulk

Mr. Fulk retired from McClure Implement in 1979 as a welder. He had also worked for Simington Wayne Corp. in Fort Wayne and Monsanto in Ligonier.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning the Bronze Star, European African Middle East Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Mr. Fulk was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Whitley County to Oscar O. and Etta Elizabeth (Rowland) Fulk. On July 10, 1945, he married Anna Bell Rider. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joy C. and Tom Rose of Albion and Connie L. and Ronald Castor of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Teresa Fulk of High Lake near Albion; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Shroyer of Avilla, Eldora McCoy of Albion, Gertrude Fulk of Albion and Laurel and Bob Wilson of Uniondale; eight grandchildren, Brandon Fulk, Rochelle Widman, Nicole Griffis, Stephanie Rose, Travis Fulk, Chad Fulk, Nathan Caster and Miranda Heitz; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Dan, Carl, Howard, Guy and Jesse Fulk; an infant sister, Sara Fulk; and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany Fulk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Daniel Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with full military rites by the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Louise Hines

SHERIDAN — Louise M. Hines, 88, of Sheridan died Sunday, May 23, 2004, in Noblesville.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary L. Godby of S&S Travel Inc. in Kendallville.

Funeral services and burial will be in Sheridan Wednesday.

Lois Bair

COLUMBIA CITY — Lois P. Bair, 81, of Columbia City died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Funeral services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Brady Widman

FORT WAYNE — Brady Charles Widman, 3 months old, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, George and Natta Widman; a sister, Rebecca; a brother, Brock; a paternal grandmother and her spouse, Sheri and Ernest Foster of Spencerville; maternal grandparents Pairoj and Somsri Narkviroj of Island Lake, Ill.; paternal grandfather Gary Widman of Niles, Mich.; paternal great-grandmother Evelyn Klingerman of Buchanan, Mich.; and uncles Daniel and Kevin Narkviroj, both of Illinois.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Additional calling will be from 6 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Margaret Allen

ANGOLA — Margaret J. "Peggy" Allen, 68, died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Allen was born Aug. 16, 1935, in Angola, to James I. and Grace E. (Kennedy) Williamson. She was a realtor for Coldwell Banker in Angola and a lifetime Angola resident.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Delta Gamma Sorority and was a former member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Angola.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Phillips of Angola; a brother, Ken H. Williamson of Fairfax, Va.; a sister, Jean Greenway of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Zachary and Robert Phillips.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Vivian Cobler

FREMONT — Vivian M. Cobler of Jimmerson Lake died Monday, May 24, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Wava Burkhalter

FORT WAYNE — Wava L. Burkhalter, 71, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Waterloo and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Billy D. Burkholder; a daughter, Jacquline J. Holycross of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers Clyde E. McEntarfer of Ashley and Henry McEntarfer of Texas; and sisters Cora M. McClosky of Fort Wayne, Betty J. Garcia of California, Sylvia Fitch of Lake Placid, Fla., and Marjorie Glyshaw of Bellaire, Mich.

Preceding her in death were a son, Jimmie D. Burkhalter, and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Wilma Waltz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilma E. Waltz, 83, of Wolcottville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Waltz had been a nurses' aide at Branch County Hospital in Coldwater, Mich. She had moved to LaGrange County in 1997 from Sturgis, Mich.

She attended Lakeview Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Waltz was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Coldwater to William H. and Hazel B. (Stratton) Leaf. She was raised by an aunt and uncles, Lodema Sutton, Harmon Sutton and Robert Sutton. On March 26, 1938, in Fremont, she married Sanford E. Waltz Jr. He died May 8, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Sue A. Waltz of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Linda Waltz of Leonidas, Mich., Sanford and LaShelle Waltz of Coldwater and Rick and Kathy Waltz of Union City, Mich.; a sister, Margaret Lamberson of Sturgis; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery in Osseo, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Mary Freck

KENDALLVILLE — Mary "Meg" (Rodenbeck) Freck, 82, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Freck

Mrs. Freck formerly lived in Huntertown and Fort Myers, Fla. She was the postmaster in Huntertown, retiring in 1984 after 30 years of service.

She was a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, the National Association of Postmasters and the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Willard, Ohio, to Dale and Velma Gamble.

On June 1, 1940, she married Henry Rodenbeck Jr. He preceded her in death May 12, 1965.

She married Loren "Steve" Freck on Dec. 28, 1976. He preceded her in death June 2, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Merle Young of Hillsdale, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Gail Rodenbeck of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Tom and Becky Freck of Nashville, Tenn.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Nancy and Frank Huber of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Barb La Vergne of South Whitley; a brother-in-law, James Foreman of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Dick Gamble and Joe La Vergne; two sisters, Beverly Le Pine and Phyllis Foreman; and a great-grandson, Matthew Belson.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery of Huntertown.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of Kendallville.

William Schafer

FORT WAYNE — William Charles "Bill" Schafer, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Liberty Village East in Muncie.

Mr. Schafer was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to Charles F. and Blanche Mae (Davison) Schafer.

He was the composing room foreman for Fort Wayne Newspapers Inc. He retired in 1981 after 44 years with the company. He was hired as an apprentice printer in 1937, promoted to head machinist in 1947, and became foreman in 1973. He was an officer of the International Typographers Union. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and trap shooting.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Tim Pendergast of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Mary Beth Schafer of Muncie; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Jeff Pratt of Fishers, Sean and Kelley Pendergast of Bloomington, Megan and Chad Williams of San Rafael, Calif., Matthew Schafer of Indianapolis, Jon Schaefer of Denver, Colo., Ashley and Jillian Smith of Muncie; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Thelma Marie (Momper) Schafer, a brother, Richard, and a sister, Ada Jane Schafer.

Calling with the family will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Fort Wayne Historical Museum, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis IN 46260 or Save the Lakes Program, Crooked Lake, Steuben County Lakes Council, 207 S. Wayne St., Suite B, Angola IN 46703.

Gant Funeral Home in Yorktown is handling arrangements.

Vivian Cobler

ST. JOE — Vivian M. Cobler, 90, died Monday, May 24, 2004, at her cottage on Jimmerson Lake in Steuben County.

Mrs. Cobler

Mrs. Cobler was a homemaker for most of her life and worked at Essex Corp. for eight years, retiring in 1980. She was a 1932 graduate of St. Joe High School.

She loved the time she spent at work, with her grandchildren and at her lake cottage.

She was born Feb. 14, 1914, in Concord Township, near St. Joe, to Charley and Catherine (Kees) Murphy. They preceded her in death.

She married Ray C. Cobler on Sept. 21, 1940, in St. Joe. He died Sept. 27, 1994.

Surviving are a son, John Cobler of St. Joe; a daughter, Catherine Armstrong of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kim Handshoe, Sheila Surfus, Todd Armstrong, Cindy Weight and Joann Hinchman; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lois Grimm and Bertha Mildred Hoock.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Kidney Foundation or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mary Hagan

FORT WAYNE — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Hagan, 82, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Renaissance Village Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hagan was a homemaker and a member of Orchard Ridge Country Club.

She was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Garrett to Edward B. and Lucy (Wynns) Henslee.

Surviving are her husband, John R. "Jack" Hagan; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Chris and Neil Nagel of Fort Wayne, Lucy Hagan, Liz Hagan and Molly Hagan and Todd Kimsey, all of Los Angeles; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joe and Nancy Hagan of Shoreview, Minn., Pat and Frances Hagan of White Bear Lake, Minn., and Edward Hagan of Waco, Texas; and four grandchildren, Molly and Patrick Nagel, Colleen Hagan and John Hagan.

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Ned, Martin and Patrick Henslee.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday with a rosary service at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Renaissance Village Nursing Home, 6050 S 800E, Fort Wayne.

Jaylyn Yoder

GOSHEN — Jaylyn Dale Yoder, 3, of Goshen died at 6:40 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a traffic accident May 17.

He was born March 20, 2001, in Topeka to Ammon Eugene and Irma (Yoder) Yoder. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Jeryl Dean Yoder, at home; his grandparents, Richard and Mary Esther Yoder of Goshen and Samuel and Esther Yoder of Topeka; his great-grandparents, Perry and Edna Yoder of Bloomfield, Iowa, Barbara Yoder of Goshen and John and Elizabeth Knepp of Shipshewana; two cousins, Michelle and Jared Schwartz of Middlebury; four aunts; and five uncles.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the LaVern Nissley residence at 2735 S. C.R. 1200W, Goshen, with Bishop Perry S. Miller and home ministers from the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery at Millersburg.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Glen Eash residence at 10855 C.R. 32, Goshen.

Glenn Hostetler

MIDDLEBURY — Glenn G. Hostetler, 29, of Middlebury was found dead at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hostetler

Mr. Hostetler lived most of his life in the Middlebury area and was an electrician for Eretz Electric in Middlebury.

He was a 1994 graduate of Northridge High School and a former member of the Sons of the American Legion in Middlebury. He was an artist and loved music and spending time outdoors.

He was born May 20, 1975, at the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines. His father and stepmother, Charles C. and Patricia Hostetler, survive in Middlebury. His mother and stepfather, Evelyn (Sermonia) and Keith Burkitt, survive in Dearborn, Mich.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Paul Roumell of South Bend; and his grandparents, Charles C. and Judy Hostetler II of Deltona, Fla., Genevieve Couch of Gaylesville, Ala., and Romulo and Perla Sermonia of Los Angeles, Calif.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Nesbitt

Mrs. Nesbitt was a resident of the Lamplighter and was a homemaker. She lived in Warsaw and Nappanee before moving to Kendallville.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Nappanee and the VFW Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nesbitt was born March 17, 1925, in Warsaw to Raymond and Latha (Mason) Zimmer. Her first husband, Ralph Hollar, died April 23, 1989. She married her second husband, Norbert G. Nesbitt, on Dec. 5, 1956, in Angola. He died May 16, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Jan Hollar of Nappanee, Mike and Donita Hollar of Nappanee and Paul and Lisa Nesbitt of Rome City; five daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and John Moor of Fort Wayne, Nancy and Rick Amstutz of Kendallville, Deb and Ron Frick of Kendallville, Cindy and Chuck Roberts of Fort Wayne and Tonya and Rex Fulk of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Lucy Weirick and Jim and Pat Weirick, all of Warsaw; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernie Leek of Warsaw, Carolyn Blake of Pierceton and Sandy and Rick Hollingsworth of North Webster; 20 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Raymond "Butch" Hollar and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Hollar.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Howard Dawson

CHESTERTON — Howard H. Dawson, 91, of Chesterton died Monday, May 24, 2004, at the Waters of Duneland Health Care Center in Chesterton.

Mr. Dawson had retired in 1977 as a steel worker at Inland Steel.

He was a member of Porter United Methodist Church and the Valparaiso Moose Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, singing and dancing.

Mr. Dawson was born Sept. 11, 1912, in Raceland, La., to John and Goldie (Hill) Dawson. On Jan. 30, 1937, in Michigan City, he married Ethel D. Stark. She died Oct. 15, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sandra and Chuck Allmon of Chesterton, Eileen Parr of Kendallville, Linda and Joe Martinic of Socorro, N.M., and Kathleen and James Thomas of Yakima, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Emerson; and a sister, Inza Klein.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, with the Rev. Rick Henderson and the Rev. Edward Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Chesterton Cemetery in Chesterton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Porter United Methodist Church or the Waters of Duneland Health Care Center.

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Lois Bair

ALBION — Lois P. Bair, 81, of Albion died at 8:25 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Bair lived in York Township since 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell.

She enjoyed reading, doing beadwork and crocheting.

Mrs. Bair was born May 5, 1923, in Mandale, Ohio, to John and Pauline (Scott) Richardson. On July 21, 1943, in the Kimmell United Methodist Church parsonage, she married Howard F. Bair. He died Feb. 20, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Richard Bair of Orlando, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances and Curtis Gillam of Albion, Paula Wade of Albion, and Martha and Jim Gillam of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Meeks of Oakwood, Ohio; two grandchildren, Megan Adair and Aaron Wade; and three great-grandchildren, Austin Wade, Jace Wade and Wade Adair.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell with the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Dan Wolcott officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

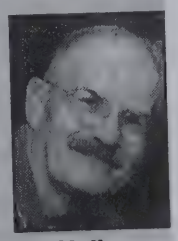
Memorials are to Central Noble Food Pantry or the Noble County SeniorPak.

Dale Hull

CHURUBUSCO — Dale W. "Whippet" Hull, 71, of Churubusco died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient two weeks.

Mr. Hull retired in 1988 after 30 years of service at Navistar in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of several car clubs including WORK, AACA and VMCCA. He owned an antique horse-drawn hearse that he enjoyed taking to Stone's Trace at Ligonier. He enjoyed going to car shows and spending time with his family.



Mr. Hull

Mr. Hull was born May 9, 1933, in Whitley County to Joseph B. and Flora (Doonan) Hull. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1951. On Dec. 27, 1952, he married Lois J. Roberson. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Bradley and Debra Hull of Auburn and Gregory Hull of Churubusco; a daughter, Zondra Hull of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Hull of Huntertown; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Richard Hull and his companion Lana Hendry, and Gale and Agnes Hull, all of Columbia City; two sisters, Helen Kreider of Fort Wayne and Eloise Souders of Columbia City; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Randall Hull, on Oct. 5, 2003; a brother, Howard Hull, in 1987, and a sister, Mary Craig, in 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Ann Lantz officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the donor's choice or the Willys Overland Knight Registry.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

William Tritch

HUDSON — William L. "Bill" Tritch, 80, of Hudson, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tritch was born in Steuben County on April 25, 1924, to Carl and Blanche (Wood) Tritch. He married Thelma Sanders on July 19, 1947, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 2001.

He was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, where he had worked for 39 years. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are three sons, Ron Tritch of Fremont and Lyle and Jim Tritch, both of Angola; a daughter, Sandra Ferrell of Angola; two sisters, Audra Dester of Fort Wayne and Marjorie Kuckuck of Stryker, Ohio; a brother, Keith Tritch of Mineral Ridge, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson United Brethren Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Rose Becker-Steele

ASHLEY — A memorial service for Rose J. Becker-Steele, 63, of Ashley will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church, 11225 Grabill Road, Leo.

She died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 12:20 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Becker-Steele was a registered medical assistant and worked in private-duty home health care.

She was born Dec. 6, 1940, in Kendallville to Kenton E. and Ruby (Hoffman) Becker.

She is survived by her father of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Sheryl Mowery of Leo and Deborah Boyle of Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Gary Hanna and Rob Hanna, both of Hudson; four sisters, Jean Becker and Gail Perl, both of Fort Wayne, Diana LeBrun of Pleasant Lake, and Deborah Ensley of Owatonna, Minn.; a brother, Jerry Becker of Lake James; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Dean Cornell

AUBURN — Dean E. Cornell, 76, died Wednesday morning, May 26, 2004, at his home in rural Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Thursday, May 27, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information and correct information supplied by the funeral home.*

Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann and Walter LaCavaliar of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Claudia Griffin of Weatherford, Texas; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were Friday in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

Donald Ratliff

CROMWELL — Donald Dempsey Ratliff, 57, of Cromwell died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Ratliff

Mr. Ratliff was employed at Schult Homes in Middlebury and was also a licensed auctioneer. He had been a Noble County resident for 36 years.

He was an avid Corvette collector and a fan of NASCAR. He was a fan of University of Kentucky basketball and enjoyed horseshoe pitching. He was devoted to his family.

Mr. Ratliff was born Oct. 12, 1946, in Knott County, Ky., to Jim and Ora (Ramey) Ratliff. His parents are deceased. On July 29, 1967, in Clintwood, Va., he married Gloria Fay Nelson. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Dempsey Ratliff Jr. of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa Lynn and Steve Burkholder of Ligonier and Sondra Kay and Mike Kyle of Cromwell; nine brothers and six sisters-in-law, Thorton and Doris Ratliff, Denzil and Brenda Ratliff, Daniel and Peggy Ratliff, and Henry and Brenda Ratliff, all of Leburn, Ky., Burton and Helen Ratliff of Hollybush, Ky., David and Connie Ratliff and Homer Ratliff, all of Shipshewana, and Larry Ratliff and Jackie Ratliff, both of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Coleen and Wayne Conley of Leburn and Dania and Donnie Combs of Vest, Ky.; and seven grandchildren, Alecia, Brittany, Heather, Austin, Mikey, Cody and Dylan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hindman Funeral Home in Hindman, Ky. Burial will be in Ramey-Ratliff Cemetery at Leburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and after 6 p.m. Friday at Hindman Funeral Home in Kentucky.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Friday, May 28, 2004

Ethelyn Frankenberg

FORT WAYNE — Ethelyn L. "Ethel" Frankenberg, 100, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Renaissance Village in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frankenberg was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne. She retired as a secretary from the YWCA.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 432, and was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia L. and Roger McKinney of Lake George; two grandchildren, Michael McKinney and Debra McKinney, both of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Schreiber, and her second husband, Clyde W. Frankenberg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lindenwood Cemetery Bohn Chapel, 2324 W. Main St., Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 3 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Allen County Council on Aging, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church or the League for the Blind.

R. Dale Weimer

BERNE — R. Dale Weimer, 94, of Berne died at 1:04 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Mr. Weimer was a retired teacher. He had taught in Adams, Noble and Whitley counties. He was a graduate of Albion High School and Ball State University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Mr. Weimer enjoyed gardening and being a member of the Lucky Stamp Club. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Noble County to William S.K. and Nettie (Barr) Weimer. On June 6, 1949, in Muncie he married Mildred Ozbun. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen S. Weimer of Davenport, Iowa, and Bonnie and George Bennett of Albion; two sisters, Maxine Klink of Orlando, Fla., and Mildred Weimer of Albion; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Weimer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village in Berne with the Rev. Mark Berg and the Rev. Anita Rediger officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Swiss Village and from 12:30-1 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village.

Memorials are to Swiss Village Endowment Fund or the Sweet Church Community Organization Inc.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne is in charge of arrangements.

Dean Cornell

AUBURN — Dean E. Cornell, 76, died Wednesday morning, May 26, 2004, at his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Cornell

He retired from the maintenance department at Phelps Dodge. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the Hoosier Warbirds, Gideons International, and Meese Chapel United Methodist Church. He also attended Hopewell United Brethren Church. He was a 1946 graduate of Spencerville High School.

He was born April 15, 1928, in Auburn, to the late Ernest and Garnet (Dove) Cornell.

Mr. Cornell married Mary Marlene Cook June 2, 1951, at Coburn Corners. She preceded him in death May 15, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Cornell of Friendswood, Texas, and David and Deb Cornell of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Ken Smith of Santa Monica, Calif., Katy and Gary Fluitt of Golden, Colo., and Betty and John Grawcock of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Dale Gerig of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and his faithful companion of the last five years, his dog Tuffy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hopewell United Brethren Chuch, 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever and the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the church fellowship hall, and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Gideons, P.O. Box 102, Auburn, or the Hoosier Warbirds at P.O. Box 87, Auburn.

James Dungan

WHITMORE LAKE, Mich. — James L. Dungan of Whitmore Lake and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dungan retired from Masco Corp. in Livonia with 42 years service in Michigan and at Flint & Walling in Kendallville.

He had served in the U.S. Navy four years and was a member of St. Patrick parish.

Mr. Dungan was born Feb. 19, 1936, in Huntington, Ind., the son of Jesse and Doris Dungan. They survive in Warsaw, Ind. On June 5, 1962, in South Bend, Ind., he married Janet Mauch. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark James and Trina Dungan and James Troy Dungan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorette and Merlyn Hess of Huntertown, Ind., and Marilyn and Donald Rice of Warsaw; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Randall and Wanda Dungan of Warsaw, and Michael Devoe and Cara Dungan of Oakwood, Ill.; two granddaughters, Chelsea and Sabrina; 16 nieces and nephews; and 46 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Eugene Dungan of Carmel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Parish, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, in Hamburg, Mich., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Phyllis Kelly

LIGONIER — Phyllis Ann Kelly, 78, of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kelly had been a resident of Ligonier since 1956. She was a homemaker and had helped with Girl Scouting.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Ladies Sodality. She was also a member of the Goshen VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and she loved to dance and garden.

She was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Grafton, Va., the daughter of Leland and Nanette Adelaide (Preiss) Price.

Her husband, Charles Joseph Kelly, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald Paul Kelly and Steven Michael Kelly, both of Cromwell; four daughters, Constance Marie Kelly of LaGrange, Anna Philomena Bechlem of Middlebury, Carol Rae Kelly of Goshen and Angela Nanette Frain of Orland; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Fernandes Babasino officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Elsie Miller

GOSHEN — Elsie Miller, 96, of Goshen died at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Greencroft Terraces Health Care in Goshen where she had lived since May 14.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had worked at Elkhart General Hospital in the housekeeping department.

She was a member of Bonneyville Mennonite Church. She enjoyed crocheting and visiting people.

She was born March 16, 1908, in Elkhart County the daughter of Eli D. and Barbara (Chupp) Hochstetler. On Sept. 8, 1927, in Etna Green she married Eli D. Miller. He died April 26, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Clara Gingerich of Goshen, Mary Vincent of Garrett, and Verda and William Bills of Ruleville, Miss.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Rosalie Miller of Pharr, Texas, and Ervin and Esther Miller of Portland, Ore.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Susie Kauffman of Goshen and Barbara and Albert Miller of Palmer Lake, Colo.; 23 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Laura Troyer on April 6, 1996; a brother, Raymond Hochstetler; and four sisters, Wilma Miller, Elizabeth Kertes, Ruby Stutzman and Clara Stutzman.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bonneyville Mennonite Church with the Rev. Eldon Stoltzfus officiating. Burial will be in Mottville Cemetery in Mottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Friday, May 28, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann and Walter LaCavaliar of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour, Richard and Martha Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Claudia Griffin of Weatherford, Texas; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

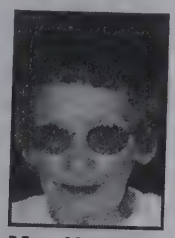
Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were held today in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information supplied by the funeral home.*

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.



Mrs. Nesbitt

Mrs. Nesbitt was a resident of the Lamplighter and was a homemaker. She lived in Warsaw and Nappanee before moving to Kendallville.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Nappanee and the VFW Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nesbitt was born March 17, 1925, in Warsaw to Raymond and Latha (Mason) Zimmer. Her first husband, Ralph Hollar, died April 23, 1989. She married her second husband, Norbert G. Nesbitt, on Dec. 5, 1956, in Angola. He died May 16, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Jan Hollar of Nappanee, Mike and Donita Hollar of Nappanee and Paul and Lisa Nesbitt of Rome City; five daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and John Moor of Fort Wayne, Nancy and Richard Amstutz of Kendallville, Deb and Ron Frick of Kendallville, Cindy and Chuck Roberts of Fort Wayne and Tonya and Rex Fulk of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard "Dick" and Lucy Weirick and Jim and Pat Weirick, all of Warsaw; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernie Leek of Warsaw, Carolyn Blake of Pierceton and Sandy and Rich Hollingsworth of North Webster; a daughter-in-law, Esther Hollar of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Raymond "Butch" Hollar and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Hollar.

Services was at 11 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Saturday, May 29, 2004

Sedric Hontz

KIMMELL — Sedric Dale Hontz, 93, of Kimmell died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 5 p.m. in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mr. Hontz

Mr. Hontz was a retired farmer, proprietor of the Hontz Blueberry Marsh and a former bus driver. He was a past Washington Township Trustee. He was member of Ormas Baptist Church, where he had served as deacon and adult Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Hontz enjoyed his church, farming, baseball, horses and fishing.

He was born July 13, 1910, in Kimmell to Jonathon A. and Pearl C. (Todd) Hontz.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Elda Hontz of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro; a son, Stephen Dale Hontz of Kimmell; a sister, Erma Stump; a brother-in-law, Lew Wolfe; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Claire Wolfe; two grandsons; a great-grandson; two brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Ormas Baptist Church, with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home, 500 W. Second St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church.

Milton Ziems

STUART, Fla. — Word has been received of the passing of Milton S. Ziems, 82, on March 1, 2004, in Stuart, Fla., after a brief illness.

Mr. Ziems was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Toledo, Ohio. He was a graduate of Rossford High School and attended the University of Toledo. Mr. Ziems was the retired president and owner of the former Sun Too & Machine Co., a Toledo firm that manufactured machinery for the glass industry. The company was founded by his father, E.A. Ziems and a partner in 1928. The company was sold in 1967.

After his retirement, Mr. Ziems traveled as a hobby, estimating he had flown more than 250,000 miles while visiting many countries around the world.

Mr. Ziems was a member of the Toledo Rotary Club, 32-year member of the Toledo Elks Lodge and a lifelong member of Toledo Masonic Blue Lodge. As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, Ohio, he served on the vestry from 1953-55.

One of his favorite hobbies was sailing, which he pursued during the last 45-plus summers spent at Clear Lake. He was a member of the Clear Lake Yacht Club for many years.

His first wife, Suzanne, died in 1972. He is survived by his present wife, Maurine Sarver Ziems; a daughter, Barbara Mouat, Tustin Calif.; a son and daughter in-law, Tom and Gretchen Ziems, Perrysburg, Ohio; and grand children, Lisa Ziems Borras, Chicago, Nancy Mouat, Santa Barbara, Calif; Robert Mouat; and two great-grandchildren, Margaret and Gavin, Fort Collins, Colo.

Funeral services were held in Stuart on March 6. Burial was held in Wakeman Cemetery, Waterville, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Toledo Zoo Foundation, for the Conservatory, PO Box 140130, Toledo OH 43614.

Beulah McGlenen

BRYAN, Ohio — Beulah Faye McGlenen, 99, of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at the Community Hospitals Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. McGlenen retired in 1967 after 16 years as a careteria supervisor at the Washington Elementary School in Bryan, Ohio. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the Pet Garment Co., Spangler Candy Co., Ohio Art Co. and the Cameron Hospital, all in Bryan, Ohio.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers and sewing.

She was born April 22, 1905, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Ervin Derrell and Orilla Pearl (Beach) Kintigh.

On Dec. 24, 1924, she married John Earnest McGlenen. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1967.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Janis J. Taylor of Denver, Colo., Shirley A. and Arthur E. Castor of Denton, Texas, Beverly K. and Everett A. Moore of Bryan, Ohio, and Alyce F. Calvin of Kendallville; a brother, Lowell Eugene Kintigh of Diamondale, Mich.; a sister, Doris Parker of Olympia, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Clyde Everett McGlenen; a son-in-law, Wayne Taylor; a granddaughter, Deborah A. (Castor) Clark; three brothers, Reno, Cleo and Ervin Kintigh; and five sisters, Adah Lucille Jackman, Alice Marsh, Kathleen Guernsey, Margaret Lefler and Ruth Parker.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Bryan, Ohio. The Rev. Gary Keisling will officiate. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Printing House for the Blind or the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Cleveland Public Library.

Sunday, May 30, 2004

George T. Hunter

HOWE — George T. Hunter, 80, of Howe, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his residence.

On May 27, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., he was born to Wilfred J. and Lyla M. Stocker. He married Dorothy M. Orr in Northville, Mich., on Oct. 20, 1945. She survives.

Mr. Hunter moved to LaGrange from Livonia, Mich., in 1958. He was a former owner of Multi-Plex of Howe and retired in 1985.

He was a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America, an Eagle Scout and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gayle and Robert Radder, Elma, N.Y., and Nancy and Tim Burrows, Howe; a son, Bruce E. Hunter, Howe; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Grubaugh, on Nov. 8, 1990; and two brothers, Robert W. and Franklin L. Hunter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America.

Hilda Deck

CHURUBUSCO — Hilda "Marie" Deck, 79, of Churubusco, died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and entered the nursing home in August 2003.

Deck

On March 18, 1925, in Lima, Ohio, she was born to Robert Joseph and Hilda Florence (Schweir) Roche.

She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne at the former St. Vincent's Villa orphanage, and lived her adult life in Churubusco.

The former custodian at Churubusco Elementary School also had worked at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne for five years.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Deck enjoyed Fort Wayne Komets hockey, playing bingo, Chicago Cubs baseball and her family.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Warren D. Deck Jr., Churubusco, Ronald E. and Nicki Deck, Warsaw, and David W. and Mary Ann Deck, Jacksonville, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy and Paul Leazier, Churubusco, Gloria and Jerry Addis, Pisgah Forest, N.C., and Rose Marie Morgan, Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Grace Deck, Churubusco; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by four sons, Keith Allen, Robert, Dennis and Kenneth Deck, a daughter, Sharon Kay Deck, a brother, Robert Joseph Roche Jr., and a son-in-law, Russell Morgan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco, with the Rev. Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the rosary recited at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses or Byron Health Center Activities Department.

Condolences may be emailed to: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Sunday, May 30, 2004

Alice Huth

KENDALLVILLE — Alice Huth, 84, of Kendallville, died at 8:03 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Aug. 17, 1919, in Rudyard, Mich., she was born to Alfred and Genevieve A. (LeGault) Vigneaux. She married Elmer J. Huth on Oct. 17, 1942, in Rudyard, Mich. He survives.

Huth

Mrs. Huth had lived in the Avilla and Kendallville areas since 1961. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, the Rosary Sodality at the church, and a former volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Phillip Desormeaux, Avilla, Rose and Clifford Lindblom, Ossian, Jackie and Steve Dodge, Holly, Mich., and Jill and Harold Wallen, Kendallville; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Al L. and Barb Huth, Kendallville, Elmer J. "Joe" and Erma Huth Sr., Springfield, Ohio, Michael F. and Nancy Huth, Garrett, Patrick A. Huth, Kendallville, Jerry A. Huth, Garrett, and Thomas D. and Lynette Huth, Pendleton; three sisters, Rosealma Helmkamp, Avilla, Mary Jane Biddle, Salem, and Augustina Trombley, Columbia City; three brothers, Wilfred Vigneaux, Grayling, Mich., Homer Vigneaux, Fort Wayne, and Richard Vigneaux, New York; 22 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, two sisters, Sister Jule Vigneaux, and Irene Desormeaux, and a brother, Eugene Vigneaux preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with rosary recited at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Rosary Sodality or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER — Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

Hetzel-Lewis

In Whitley County on July 31, 1927, she was born to Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been employed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

Sunday, May 30, 2004

Helen Gruszczyk

SHIPSHEWANA — Helen Gruszczyk, 84, of Shipshewana, died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, at her residence. She had been in declining health.

Gruszczyk

In Cook County, Ill., on Jan. 11, 1920, she was born to Michael and Antonina (Zoltek) Billik. On May 3, 1941, in Harvey, Ill., she married Stanley T. Gruszczyk. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1987.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bristol.

Surviving are a sister, Adeline Sienko, Tinley Park, Ill., two grandsons, Brian Gruszczyk, Murfeesboro, Tenn., and Kevin Gruszczyk, Kalamazoo, Mich.; a nephew, Stanley Parzygnot, Warsaw; two grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Gruszczyk, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. John H. Delaney officiating. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Bristol.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

William Coney

LAGRANGE — William E. Coney, 73, of LaGrange, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 16, 1930, in LaGrange County, he was born to Schuyler and Sarah Jane (Rowlison) Coney. In Ashley on March 26, 1952, he married Patricia Frey. She survives.

He was a retired farmer, and retired from McCray Refrigeration and No-Sag Spring, both in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and formerly lived at Life Time in LaGrange County.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and James Carunchia, Rome City, Melinda Coney, Fort Wayne, and Melissa Biddle, Waterloo; three sisters, Phyllis Northrup, LaGrange, Virginia Noll, Ashley, and Norma Nelson, Angola; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jessica, Paula, Patrick, Pagen, Paige, Tony and Mary; and four great-grandchildren, Rylee, Gavyn, Kelsey and Delaynee.

In addition to his parents, a son, Mike Coney, preceded him in death on July 15, 1977, and three sisters, Wilma Dunafin, Thelma Dilts and Elizabeth Albright, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Lester Meschberger

AUBURN — Lester Meschberger, 92, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Dekalb County on May 29, 1907. He married Mary E. Bennett in 1932. She survives.

Mr. Meschberger worked in the tool crib at International Harvester for 28 years before retiring in 1969. He was a member of Moose Lodge 566 in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, David Meschberger, Wolcottville, Denny Meschberger and Don Meschberger, both of Auburn; two daughters, Nancy Critchfield, New Haven, and Joyce Hamling, Corunna; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were six brothers, Clarence "Bub," Forrest, Evena, Ralph, Harold and Melvin Meschberger, and a sister, Gladys Meschberger.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. before the services. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Sophie Kensill

ANGOLA — Sophie Hertig Kensill, 91, of Angola, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at Covingtin Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kensill was born in Belvedere, Tenn., on Oct. 21, 1912. She was married to her husband, Albert Kensill, for 52 years. He died in 1980.

She had worked in the kitchen at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Waynedale Eastern Star No. 600, and belonged to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Surviving are three daughters, Janice Ecenbarger and Delores Houtz, both of Angola, and Marilynn Cruse of Fort Wayne; a brother, Garfield Hertig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Kensill, in 1980; a brother, Charles Hertig, and two sisters, Flora Dirig and Mary Louise Mains.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and also Wednesday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden or Covington Manor.

Warren Lige Jr.

AUBURN — Warren Lige Jr., 79, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Lige

He was a pharmacist and retired in 1994 from Hook's Drug Store in Auburn. Previously, he had worked at Romiser Drug Store and Keltch Pharmacy.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Marines on the USS Washington.

Mr. Lige was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and he was a 50-year member of the DeKalb Lodge 214 F&AM. He graduated from Butler University College of Pharmacy in 1953, and had been a member of the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity since 1951.

He was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Auburn, to Warren Sr. and Luella (Hollopeter) Lige.

On Aug. 10, 1947, in Auburn, he married Connie Feagler. She died Nov. 25, 1988.

He married Gwen Shambaugh, and although divorced, she was a constant friend and caregiver.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorna Schlosser of Auburn; a son, Mike Lige of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Breeding of Miami, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Lynne and Brice Schlosser.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Harrold and Walter "Jack" Lige; and a sister, Betty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

James Green

LAGRANGE — Memorial services for James Roy Green of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville and Cedar Lake near Howe will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post in LaGrange.

Mr. Green died Feb. 25, 2004, in Sebring.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty; and two sons, Daniel R. Green of Columbia City and Jody K. Green of Howe.

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Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER — Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been employed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader, and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

She was born July 31, 1927, in Whitley County the daughter of Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve W. and Mary Ann Heltzel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis E. and Irene Krotzer of Miami, Fla.; 14 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

Richard Thomas

ANGOLA — Richard O. Thomas, 89, of Angola, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at home.

Mr. Thomas was born June 12, 1914, in Bryan, Ohio, to Dessie B. (Leichty) and Frank L. Thomas.

He was an employee of the Bryan U.S. Post Office for 22 years, retiring in 1972. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and an instructor.

He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Bryan, the Experimental Aircraft Association, was the chief pilot and instructor at the Tri-State Municipal Airport, and was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Surviving is a daughter, Mary Katherine Thomas of Bryan.

He was preceded in death by a son, David R. Thomas, and a sister, Marjorie Carroll.

Services were at 10 a.m. Indiana time today at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with Ted Mathes officiating. Calling was from 8 to 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, with military graveside rites by members of the Bryan VFW.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church of Bryan.

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Dorthea Snepp

AUBURN — Dorthea E. Snepp, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Snepp worked as a teller and office assistant at Auburn State Bank for 25 years, retiring in 1975.

She was member of the Eastern Star in Auburn, Kenwigs Literary Club, and Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born July 7, 1915, in Garrett. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold "Red" Kessler of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, James G. and Anna Snepp of Fredrickstown, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Frank R. Snepp, died in 2001. She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Roger Gordon.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Leon Strange

BUTLER — A memorial service for Leon Strange will be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Strange, 76, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at his home in Butler.

He was a teacher for 36 years, including 23 years as a basketball and track coach, athletic director and teacher at Eastside High School in Butler.

Mr. Strange was a member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging and served as its second vice president. He was director of activities at the Heimach Senior Center and was a member of Community Bible Church.

He attended Canterbury College in Danville, Ill., and received his master's degree from Ball State University.

Born in New Castle on Nov. 7, 1926, he was the son of the late Winfield Porter Strange and Eva E. (Stone) Strange.

He is survived by his wife, Lois J. Strange of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Ed Carboni of California and Sally and DeWayne Currier of Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Strange of Kansas; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue Nell and Kenneth Hacker of New Castle; two grandsons, David and Joshua Currier of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bobby Strange.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, the Diabetes Association, the DeKalb County Cancer Society, Community Bible Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mae Ratliff

LIGONIER — Mae S. Ratliff, 64, of Ligonier died at 10:22 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ratliff

Mrs. Ratliff was an inspector at Nisco and enjoyed fishing, quilting, and bird watching.

She had attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ratliff was born Nov. 20. 1939, in Big Card, Ky., the daughter of Ollie and Ethel (Hayes) Shortridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline and Margaret Ratliff, both of Cromwell, and Angela and Rachel Ratliff, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier, Russell Ratliff of Topeka and Richard Ratliff of Peru; nine sisters, Stephanie Shortridge of Albion, Joy Anderson of Florida, Mary Lyndsey of Alabama and Betty Garrett, Katie Willis, Zephyr Willis, Alice Ratliff, Sammy Oquinn and Annisteen Birthcett, all of Virginia; 26 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Melanie Ratliff; a son, Robert Ratliff; two brothers, Omel and Don Willis; and a sister, Trella Boyd.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to cover expenses.

William Kammerer

WEST BEND, Wis. — William A. Kammerer, 81, of West Bend and formerly of Grafton, Wis., and Kendallville Ind., died Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Florence (Novean) Kammerer; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anna and Willard Hughes and Herma Hartmann; a granddaughter, Tiffany LaPointe; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Eernisse Funeral Home in Port Washington, Wis Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Grafton.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Paul Lutheran Church Hezekiah Fund, 701 Washington St., Grafton, WI, 53024 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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James Green

LAGRANGE — Memorial services for James Roy Green of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville and Cedar Lake near Howe will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post in LaGrange.

Mr. Green died Feb. 25, 2004, in Sebring.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty; and two sons, David R. Green of Columbia City and Jody K. Green of Howe.

Homer Abrahamson

LAGRANGE — Homer M. Abrahamson, 83, of LaGrange died Monday, May 31, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Abrahamson moved to LaGrange in 1972 from Clear Lake, Iowa, then moved to Nevada in 1995 and back to LaGrange in 2003.

He was a retired salesman of agricultural products. He was a retired Lt. Col. from the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Abrahamson was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Duluth, Minn., the son of Adolph and Hazel (Hansen) Abrahamson. On Dec. 23, 1949, in Arlington, Minn., he married Carmen M. Jensen. She died Nov. 30, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leslee Pollina of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Liane and Robert Malone of LaGrange; a sister, Phyllis Pearson of Duluth, Minn.; a brother, Donald Abrahamson of Orr, Minn.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

John Garvin

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Lee "Jack" Garvin, 69, of Wolcottville died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home following an extensive illness.

Mr. Garvin was the former owner of Indian Lakes Marine and had been employed for more than 18 years in maintenance work at Johnson Controls.

He was a member of St. James Epsicopal Church, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, the Eagle Lodge in Kendallville, the Moose Lodge in LaGrange, the Masonic Lodge in Ligonier, the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club and a former member of the Eastern Star in Ligonier.

Mr. Garvin was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School and attended Tri-State College one year. He served two years in the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 3, 1935, in Columbus, Ind., the son of George and Florence (Westfall) Garvin. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Ligonier. On Dec. 17, 1983, in Goshen he married Betty Petersheim Slabach. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Lisa Garvin of Goshen and Michael and Shireen Garvin of Ft. Eustis, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and John Racz of Milton, Wash.; two stepsons and their wives, Dean and Judy Slabach of Mishawaka, and Doug and Diane Slabach of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Tom Janes of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carole and Harvey Bewley of Goshen, Dorothy and Robert Bish of Ligonier and Susan and Don Thuillard of Evans, Wash.; four grandchildren; five stepgrandsons; a great-granddaughter; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. James Episcopal Church in Goshen with Father Errol Montgomery Jr. of St. James Episcopal Church officiating. Cremation will take place.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Hospice, St. James Episcopal Church or Masonic Home Foundation.

Albert Dunham

JACKSON, Mich. — Albert Lewis "Pete" Dunham, 59, of Jackson, Mich., died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Cedar Knoll Care Center in Grass Lake, Mich.

Mr. Dunham was born Sept. 22, 1944, to Marion and Fern (Griffiths) Dunham. He was a former resident of Angola.

Surviving are a sister, Wealtha Duke of Jackson; and three nieces, Connie Lane of Muncie, Denice Mason of Cozad, Neb., and Bobbianne Chipman of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Jones Chapel Cemetery in rural Angola.

Marilyn Sattison

ANGOLA — Marilyn Anne Sattison, 77, Angola, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sattison was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Waterloo, the daughter of Carl and Ida (Fulk) Luce.

She was a retired bus driver for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

She is survived by two daughters, Marianne Shafer, Fort Wayne, and Sara Strock, Crossville, Tenn.; a son, Michael of LaOtto; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Susanne Berger.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, June 3, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a biographical detail*

Dorthea Snepp

AUBURN — Dorthea E. Snepp, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Snepp worked as a teller and office assistant at Auburn State Bank for 25 years, retiring in 1975.

She was member of the Eastern Star in Auburn, Kenwigs Literary Club, and Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born July 7, 1915, in Garrett. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1933.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold "Red" Kessler of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, James G. and Anna Snepp of Fredrickstown, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Frank R. Snepp, died in 2001. She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Roger Gordon.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Delbert Barhydt Jr.

LIGONIER — Delbert Barhydt Jr., 82, of Ligonier and formerly of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died at 8:32 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Barhydt

Mr. Barhydt was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired from Phelps Dodge in New Haven after 39 years of service.

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Kendallville Moose Lodge, the Rome City American Legion Post and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, watching sports, trips to Las Vegas and spending time with his family.

Mr. Barhydt was born March 26, 1922, in Kendallville the son of Delbert Sr. and Cora (Welsh) Barhydt. On Nov. 3, 1946, in Kimmell he married Janice Price. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Linda Barhydt of Goshen, Dennis and Cathy Barhydt of Ligonier, Delaine and Vickie Barhydt of Millersburg, and Doug and Cheryl Barhydt of Leesburg; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Diane and Michael Harlan of Victorville, Calif., Deborah and Jonas Gingerich of Wolf Lake, Dawn and Robert Beer of Pleasant Lake and Denise Schutt and her companion, Jim Lemish, of Kendallville; a sister, Maxine Huff of New Carlisle; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Rose Barhydt of Huntertown; two half brothers, James McKeever and his wife, Betty, of LaOtto and Harold Barhydt of Michigan; 29 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Deloss and Clifford Barhydt, and a sister, Imogene Riehm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Urey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Society or to Parkinsons research.

Donald Becher

FREMONT — Donald Eugene Becher, 76, of Fremont, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Becher was born April 9, 1928, in Neptune, Ohio, to Albert and Mary (Merinar) Becher. He was married to Bonnie Stuck on Sept. 8, 1950. She survives.

He farmed his own land since 1954. He grew potatoes and strawberries.

Also surviving are six daughters, Cheryl Lytle, Kirsten Becher, Gina Miller and Michelle Hart, all of Fremont, Anita Hickman of Angola and Sandra Badders of Quincy, Mich.; a sister, Wilma May of Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Becher; and a sister, Mary Dixon.

No services or calling are planned.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Elma Ryan

FORT WAYNE — Elma H. Ryan, 87, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Melbern, Ohio. She was a homemaker and a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Jerry Ranney and Margie and Gerald Somers, all of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Nihl and Dennis Ryan, both of Fort Wayne, and John and Sue Ryan of Kennard; a stepson, Bob Ryan of Pennsylvania; 32 grandchildren and many great- and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard, in 1982; a son, a stepson, two grandchildren and a companion.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is Monday from 1 to 3 p.m..

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Larry Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Larry D. Harrold, 61, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, he was a truck driver with NAPA, retiring after 10 years of service. He also worked at Wayne Warehouse for 20 years and was a member of Crossroads Church.

He was an Indiana University fan and loved spending time with his granddaughter and playing with his dog, Nikko.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Tammy Harrold of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter, Jayme; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vonda and John Roop of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra E. Harrold, earlier this year.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crossroads Church.

Florence Schoonover

EDGERTON, Ohio — Florence M. Schoonover, 94, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Schoonover was a former resident of rural Butler. She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 30, 1909, in Florence Township near Edon, Ohio, to Homer and Grace (Connolly) Zeiter.

She married Harley Schoonover on Sept. 3, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio. He died April 14, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Jim Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, one daughter, Jane Ball; and one son, Herbert Schoonover.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. Indiana time in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to Schoonoverfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Dr. Robert Dodd

LEBANON, Ill. — Dr. Robert Darr Dodd, 85, of Lebanon, died Monday, May 31, 2004, in Cedar Ridge Health Care in Lebanon.

Dr. Dodd had served on the staff of Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Ind.

He had been a member of the St. Joseph County (Ind.) Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

He was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., the son of Edward and Elsa (Darr) Dodd. He graduated in 1944 from Indiana University Medical School. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Eileen (Clarke) Dodd of O'Fallon, Ill., and Jeffery Dodd of Wilmette, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier, Ind.; a grandson, Andrew Robert Dodd of O'Fallon; and a granddaughter, Tess Elizabeth Dodd of O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Harriett June Jackson Dodd, and a brother, Edward Dodd.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will take place at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Cedar Ridge Health Care Center.

Jerry Spaw

AVILLA — Jerry Lynn Spaw, 63, of Avilla died at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Spaw

Mr. Spaw was a self-employed body shop owner. He had retired early from Navistar.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, working on cars and spending time with his family.

He was born Sept. 27, 1940, in Fort Wayne, the son of Ralph and Betsy (Miller) Spaw. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla. On April 5, 1958, in Fort Wayne he married Penny Sample. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Terry Holsinger of Mongo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Holly Spaw of Avilla, Jerry and Beth Spaw of Kendallville and Jon and Lisa Spaw of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Eileen Graham of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Mark Wilkinson of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Marcia Spaw of Wolcottville and Stephen and Jeanne Spaw of Culver; 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Shelby, and Carly Holsinger, Natalie Ward, and Jordon, Chelsea, Joel, Sami, Nicole, Caitlin, Erica, Cory and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Elsie Gibson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Elsie Gibson, 90, of Wolcottville died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Gibson

Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking and caring for her family.

She had retired from a factory where she made electric cord sets.

Mrs. Gibson had lived in Wolcottville since 1954 and a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Knott County, Ky., the daughter of Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore. On March 30, 1943, in Knott County she married Sam Gibson. He died July 11, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Tina Gibson of Wolcottville; two daughters-in-law, Judy Jones of Sturgis, Mich., and Lorena Gibson of Steinbarger Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Chester Moore of Wolcottville and Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nellie Marie Sturdivant and Lucinia and Lee Combs, all of Wolcottville; two half sisters, Irene and Yvonne, both of Kentucky; a niece, Cappy Fields of Rome City; 12 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Fred "Johnnie" Jones and Greg "Hoot" Gibson; three sisters, Lilly, Violet Sturdivant and Iolet Lovely; two grandsons, Jack Gibson and Ronnie Jordan; two great-grandsons; a stepgrandson; and a half sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Russell Hicks and Larry Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Kathryn Zelonis

ATLANTA, Ga. — Kathryn L. Zelonis, 88, of Atlanta, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at Westminster Commons in Atlanta.

Mrs. Zelonis had retired in 1981 as a lab technician with St. Joseph Hospital.

She was a member of Grace-St. John United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Zelonis was a native of Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Marcia Dearborn of Marietta, Ga.; a brother, Jackson Zimmerman of Fort Wayne, Ind.; three grandsons, Jason, Edward and David, all of Atlanta; and a granddaughter-in-law, Melissa Bennett of Atlanta.

Lillian Perkins

LAGRANGE — Lillian M. Perkins, 95, of LaGrange died at 4 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Perkins was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of East Springfield United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was born April 10, 1909, in LaGrange County the daughter of Henry and Effie (Wade) Spears. On April 24, 1937, in Brushy Prairie she married L. Roger Perkins. He died March 31, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lee Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Perkins of Auburn; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and David Vian and Robin and Kevin Heller, all of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Jimmie H. Perkins and Bill R. Perkins; and a brother, Wade Spears.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldeen Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church.

Thursday, June 3, 2004

Glenn Clark

BUTLER — Glenn D. Clark, 86, of Butler died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at his home in Franklin Township in DeKalb County.

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark was a farmer in Franklin Township. He served during World War II with the U.S. Army, Company G, 151st Infantry, 38th Division, 2nd Battalion, stationed in Fort Clayton, Panama and Peru, South America. He was discharged as a staff sergeant on Oct. 2, 1945.

He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

He was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Franklin Township to John Clark Jr. and Rhoda (Shultz) Clark.

He married Luella Overholt on Dec. 12, 1944, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Julia "Judy" Clark of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Andrew Goodwin and his wife, Amy, of Butler and Kasandra Comment of Waterloo; four great-grandchildren, Jon, Malynda and Ashlee Comment and Jeremiah Goodwin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Donald "Donnie" Clark; one brother, Wayne Clark; and two sisters, Bertha Crowl and Velda Erwin.

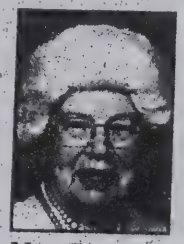
Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Navajo Trails Mission, P.O. Box 579, Winslow, AZ 86047.

Eleanor Eash

MIDDLEBURY — Eleanor Eash, 90, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Elkhart where she had resided since March 12, 2003.


Mrs. Eash

Mrs. Eash had lived most of her life in Middlebury. She was a homemaker and operated Eash Nursery & Garden Center in Elkhart for 10 years. She had also worked as a secretary at Middlebury High School for 12 years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She and her husband received the Book of Golden Deeds Award in 1985. She was also a member of the Middlebury Garden Club.

Mrs. Eash was born May 15, 1914, in Goshen the daughter of Floyd and Nellie (Doty) Swinehart. She graduated in 1932 from Goshen High School. On Aug. 11, 1934, in Middlebury she married Ora D. Eash. He died Jan. 10, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Marjorie Eash and Carl and Diane Eash, all of Middlebury; two sisters, Ruby Berkey of Goshen and Donna Belle Hostetler of Elkhart; two grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Ray Swinehart; a grandson, Gregory Eash; and a stepgrandson, Duane Kotz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Garden Club or to the church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information about relatives*

Florence Schoonover

EDGERTON, Ohio — Florence M. Schoonover, 94, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Schoonover was a former resident of rural Butler. She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 30, 1909, in Florence Township near Edon, Ohio, to Homer and Grace (Connolly) Zeiter.

She married Harley Schoonover on Sept. 3, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio. He died April 14, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Jim Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, one daughter, June Ball, and one son, Herbert Schoonover.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling will be today from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to Schoonoverfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Berlin Hasch

ANGOLA — Berlin Frederick Hasch, 51, of Angola died Friday, April 23, 2004.

Mr. Hasch was a member of the Sheridan Terrace Baptist Church where he was baptized.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and racing, and he loved his family and friends.

Mr. Hasch is survived by relatives in Angola: his wife, Rosalynda Shatto, whom he married in March 1980; three daughters, Rachel, Angela and Crystal Hasch; one son, Fred Hasch II; and one grandson, Fred Hasch III.

He is also survived by three brothers, Glen Hasch of Michigan, Robert Hasch and his wife, Judy, of Florida, John Hasch and his wife, Helen, of Indiana; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Dora Hankey of Indiana, Sue and Don Dasher and Mahala Ann Hasch, all of Michigan; many nieces and nephews in Florida, Michigan and Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Archie and Bertha Scott; his paternal grandparents, Albert and Berniece Hasch; his mother, M. Berniece Hasch; his father, Alvin L. Hasch; two nieces, Donna Dasher and Cathrine F. Hasch; a sister-in-law, Eva Hasch; a brother-in-law, Lauren Hankey; his maternal aunt and uncle, Miriam (Scott) and Clarence Fournier; his paternal aunt and uncle, Hazel (Hasch) and Burl Cordury.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Gideon's.

Condolences may be made through Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson at johnson@bnin.net.

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Lillian Perkins

LAGRANGE — Lillian M. Perkins, 95, of LaGrange died at 4 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Perkins was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of East Springfield United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was born April 10, 1909, in LaGrange County, the daughter of Henry and Effie (Wade) Spears. On April 24, 1937, in Brushy Prairie she married L. Roger Perkins. He died March 31, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lee Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Perkins of Auburn; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and David Vian and Robin and Kevin Heller, all of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Jimmie H. Perkins and Bill R. Perkins; and a brother, Wade Spears.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldeen Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church.

Saturday, June 5, 2004

James Keyes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dr. James L. Keyes Jr., 76, of Columbus, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus.

Dr. Keyes served on the board of directors of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped under President George H. W. Bush in 1990.

He was an active social club member throughout his life with membership and participation in the Boy Scouts of America, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity during his time at Wabash College, Kiwanis, Junior Chamber of Commerce president, the Indiana Chapter for Mental Health and Mentally Handicapped, as leader of the Columbus, Ohio, Mayor's Task Force at the City Garage and as founding president of the Columbus, Ohio, Landmarks Foundation.

He was a member of the Scioto County Club and the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder.

Dr. Keyes served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after receiving his MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1952. His MBA joined a bachelor's degree from the college in 1950 and an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wabash College in 1987.

He retired in 1996 from a varied career spanning sales and management positions in Ohio, Columbus, Ind., and Minnesota.

He was born on April 27, 1928, in Peru, Ind., to J. Lyman and Mary Edith (Weigel) Keyes. He graduated from Peru High School in 1946.

He is survived by a sister and her spouse, Mary Keyes and Terry Temple of Peru; a brother and his spouse, Dr. Robert Coleman and Joline Keyes of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Anne Keyes Vogt of Estes Park, Colo. and Elizabeth Temple Keyes of Apex, N.C.; four nephews, Robert C. Keyes Jr. of Thornville, Ohio, Jeffrey Keyes and his wife, Lisa, of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, James Robert Temple of Lafayette and John Michael Temple and his wife, Janine, of Angola; two great-nieces, three great-nephews and a stepgreat-niece.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Peru with the Rev. John Hess officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru.

Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Sunday, June 6, 2004

James Nei

COLUMBIA CITY — James Phillip Nei, 70, of Columbia City died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Before retirement, Mr. Nei worked for Dana Weatherhead for 13 years, KBK Vending for 15 years and Stafco for a few years. He was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 1417, Eagles 1906 and American Legion Post 98. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 10, 1933, at Linvill Hospital in Columbia City to Fred and Ruth (Bills) Nei. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1951. He enlisted in the Navy on June 4, 1951, served on the U.S.S. Markab and was honorably discharged on June 4, 1954.

He married Peggy A. Raypole on June 29, 1957, in Columbia City. She preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 2001.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, James M. Nei of Columbia City and Jon M. and Deanna Nei of Albion; a daughter, Cheryl A. Houlihan of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Ethan Nei, Bianca Nei, Caylie Houlihan, Collin Houlihan, Kyle Houlihan and Connor Houlihan; and a sister, Marianne Clark of Columbia City.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Nei and Thomas Nei.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The American Legion Post 98 will present military honor immediately following.

Calling will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Home.

Madeline Dose

AUBURN — Madeline M. Dose, 92, died at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2004, at home in Auburn.

Before retirement, Mrs. Dose worked as a ward clerk at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 20 years. A lifetime DeKalb County resident, she was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Dose

She was born June 1, 1912, in Garrett to August and Minnie (Diederich) Gael. She married Emil H. Dose on Sept. 27, 1936. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1999.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Velda Dose of Fremont; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Karen and Craig Wrogeman of Lake George; a grandson, Ronald Dose of Fort Wayne; a great-grandson, Philip Wrogeman of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Lloyd Gael of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Weldon.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, Lake George Lutheran Chapel in Fremont and DeKalb County Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

John Donnelly

ANGOLA — John J. Donnelly, 76, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Before retiring in 1990, Mr. Donnelly was a civil engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and served in the Coast Guard during WWII.

He was born Dec. 30, 1927, in New Haven, Conn., to John J. Donnelly Sr. and Catherine (Malley) Donnelly. He married Barbara (Brokaw) Donnelly. She preceded him in death on May 20, 1994.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Melinda Donnelly of Angola, and two sisters, Mary E. Donnelly of Arlington, Va., and Jane Murray of Daytona Beach, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Hicks.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Amy Hall

INDIANAPOLIS — Amy Marie Hall, 31, of Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She succumbed to cancer following a long illness.

She was born Jan. 1, 1973, to Andrew and Marie Hall.

Miss Hall worked as a nurse and taught Sunday school. She was a certified midwife and loved children.

She is survived by four brothers, Dale, Michael, Duane and Jay, all of Angola; three sister-in-laws, Shery, Barbie and Allison, of Angola; a fiance, Jason Rushing of Pensacola, Fla.; a friend, Dawn Winebrenner; and some nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Faith Ann.

No services or visitation are scheduled.

Memorials are to the Cancer Foundation.

Sunday, June 6, 2004

Duane Kirk

LAOTTO — Duane Kirk, 65, died at 2:37 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 2002, Mr. Kirk was a Chrysler mechanic for over 40 years. He was a life member of the North American Fishing Club. He loved his grandchildren, as well as fishing, hunting and mowing with his John Deere tractor.

Mr. Kirk

He was born March 21, 1939, in Kendallville to Clair Lloyd and Mary Lucille (Samsel) Kirk. He married Norma Sorg on Sept. 10, 1960, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dewayne Allen Kirk of Rome City; a daughter, Lisa Vance of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Ann Kirk, Christopher Kirk, Michael Vance and Kris Vance; five great-grandchildren, Chase Vance, Brandon Vance, Emily Vance, David Alleshouse and Devin Alleshouse; a sister, Sharon S. Wolfe of Chicago; and a brother, Phillip J. Kirk of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Chad Vance.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Bernice High

FORT WAYNE — Bernice M. High, 74, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 4, 2004.

Mrs. High, a native of Auburn, was a homemaker and an avid bridge player.

She is survived by two sons, Allen K. High Jr. of Fort Wayne and Ed High of Huntington; seven daughters, Amanda High, Denise Hoskins and Connie Christman, all of Fort Wayne, Georgianna Bates of Texas, Dr. Bonnie Harrison of Paragon, Darlene Herring of Springfield, Md., and Annette Simmons of Kendallville; a brother, Armand F. Williams Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen K. High Sr., and her sister, Beverly Byrge.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Slone & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Karen Smith

COLON, Mich. — Karen G. Smith, 62, died at 2:13 p.m. Michigan time on Friday, June 4, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich. Her death was unexpected and was due to natural causes.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had been a co-owner with her husband of Holly Patch Nursery in Elkhart and Autumn Ridge Nursery in Middlebury. She had been a realtor for Century 21 in Sturgis and had worked at Freeman Manufacturing in Sturgis. Most recently, she helped manage Bisel's Dime Store in Colon.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury, where she was active in the Stephens Ministry. She moved to Colon in 1980 from Middlebury.

She was born July 14, 1941, in Goshen to Dellos and Veda (Cripe) Chiddister. She married Richard A. Smith on Feb. 10, 1963, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Bryan Dibble of Sturgis; a son, Michael Smith of Chicago; and two granddaughters, Kaitlin Cook and Kerragen Dibble.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlisle Chiddister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. Senior Pastor James F. Simpson and Pastor Thomas Herbon will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. Indiana time Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Colon Public Library building fund or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, June 7, 2004

Carrol Weck

WATERLOO — Carrol L. Weck, 69, of Waterloo died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Waterloo.

Mrs. Weck was a homemaker. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and a past president of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 29, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Lester L. and Mabel B. (Williams) Rine.

She married Philip Weck on June 15, 1985, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Charlie Duszynski of Waterloo; three stepdaughters, Elizabeth Long of Auburn, Cathy Kistler of Kentucky and Debra Moughler of Butler; one brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Donna Rine of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter and six stepgrandchildren.

Her first husband, Pete Blaine, died March 17, 1981.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to muscular dystrophy charities or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Ensley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard E. Ensley, 71, of Wolcottville died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ensley served as a corporate secretary with John Dehner Inc. for 42 years.

A native of Fort Wayne, he was a graduate of South Side High School and International Business College. He was a U.S. Army Korean War-era veteran.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Stroh and a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He was a life member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 82, and the advisory board of the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Terrie Ensley of Fort Wayne and Phillip and Joy Ensley of Elkhart; a daughter, Lisa Ensley of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, John Ensley of Fort Wayne and Kenneth Ensley of Wylie, Texas; a sister, Jean McQueen of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1705 S. Anthony Blvd. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Boy Scouts of America Camp Endowment Fund.

Monday, June 7, 2004

Beulah Rosenogle

ALBION — Beulah A. Rosenogle, 88, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Rosenogle was a homemaker and a farmer.

She was born Feb. 9, 1916, in Allen County to Floyd and Altha (Feighner) Wilcoxson. On July 31, 1933, she married Lionel Rosenogle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Ernest Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Wilcoxson of Florida, Magie Wilcoxson of Avilla, and Colleen Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Leroy Rosenogle; two sisters, Opel Nesbitt and Audrey Johnson; and four brothers, Lloyd, Carl, Paul and Ralph Wilcoxson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels of Noble County.

Evelyn McDonald

ALBION — Evelyn L. McDonald, 81, of Albion died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004, in the critical care unit at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. McDonald

Mrs. McDonald was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had retired in 1987 after 29 years of service at Silgan Plastics, formerly Monsanto.

She was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Noble County Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening and reading.

Mrs. McDonald was born June 28, 1922, in Green Township to Earl and Vera Wanda (Bower) Brown Wolfe. On May 15, 1941, in Brimfield, she married Charles "Chick" McDonald. He died in November 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Don Landers of Corunna, Carol Ann and Gary Coney of Albion, and Pamela Sue and Doug Cable of Cree Lake, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Lee and Georgia McDonald and Earl Duane and Cheryl McDonald, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Steve Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

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Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels of Noble County.

Charles Lamb

HAMILTON — Charles Kent Lamb, 59, of Hamilton died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at home.

Mr. Lamb was born June 29, 1944, in Kokomo. He retired from International Harvester in 2001 after 35 years of service.

He was a member of the Harlan Church of Christ, Anthony Lodge No. 455 F. & A.M., Dayton Valley Scottish Rite and U.A.W. Local No. 402.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine R. and Terry Hursh of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. and Lisa Lamb of Napa, Calif.; his father, Charles J. Lamb of Harlan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edith A. and Virgil Fojtik and Toni L. and Rex Bergman, all of Harlan; a brother and sister-in-law, John C. and Lan Lamb of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Michelle Chapman of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Christopher Kruse of Antwerp, Ohio; six grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Benjamin Ford

FORT WAYNE — Benjamin I. Ford, 84, of Fort Wayne and Lime Lake, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ford was born in Danville on July 21, 1919, to the Rev. Dr. Charles C. and Eva L. (Miller) Ford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and retired as manager of purchasing for Fruehauf Corp. in 1982 after 40 years.

He was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, DAV Chapter No. 40 in Fort Wayne and American Ex-POW's, Old Fort Chapter.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma H. Stahl; three sons, Jake F. Ford of Beaverton, Ore. and Paul D. Ford and Larry L. Ford, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jeffrey Stahl of South Whitley and Gary Stahl of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Lisa Ray of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lois Godlove of Columbus, Ohio and Ethel Zimmer of Delaware, Ohio; two grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Paul C. Ford, and two sisters, Katherine Bonnell and Edith Biddle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

David Hall

WILLIS, Texas — David Hall, 60, of Willis, Texas, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at his home after a short, but fierce, battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Hall was born March 25, 1944, in Auburn. He spent most of his adult life as a truck driver and was known to many as "Super Dave." He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his soulmate and wife of 16 years, Penny; his mother, Ruth; two sons, James and Timothy Hall of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren, Brian, Joseph, Tina and Kimberly Embrey; and numerous friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willard Hall; his first wife of 24 years, Dianna; and a son, Michael.

Services were conducted Monday at Addison-Smith Funeral Home in Willis, Texas.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Butler Cemetery.

Irvin Troyer

HOWE — Irvin Jay Troyer, 18, of Howe died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in an accidental drowning at a pond on East County Line Road in Elkhart County near Millersburg.

Mr. Troyer had worked with his father at home for Indian Trail Furniture, a woodworking shop.

He was taking instruction to join the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Troyer was born June 1, 1986, in LaGrange to William J. and Phyllis Ann (Yoder) Troyer. They survive in Howe.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mary Etta, Sarah Ann and Wanda Troyer, all at home; four brothers, Alan, Norman, John and Lavern Troyer, all at home; his grandparents, John E. and Lydia W. Troyer of LaGrange and Merle I. and Shirley Ann Yoder of Colon, Mich.; his great-grandparents, Jacob and Clara Bontrager of Colon; and a special friend, Judy Graber of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Samuel Troyer.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home at 1850 W. C.R. 450N with Bishop Perry Whetstone and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be all day today at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Hoffman

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Mary Frances Hoffman, 89, of Montpelier died unexpectedly Saturday evening, June 5, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hoffman was a retired junior high school English teacher, having taught a number of years at the Kunkle Building of North Central Schools and the Superior Building of Montpelier Schools.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier and the Bridgewater Ladies Aid. She was a liaison between senior citizens groups and the Office of Aging in Toledo, Ohio, for several years.

She was a graduate of Valley High School in West Terre Haute and a 1933 graduate of Indiana State University. She had been a Montpelier-area resident since 1945.

She was born Feb. 17, 1915, in West Terre Haute, Ind., to Elizabeth Jane (Kennedy) and James Franklin Barr.

She was married to Frank A. Hoffman. He died in August 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Tony Pignataro of Defiance, Ohio, and Margaret and David Lee of Hamilton; two stepsons and their wives, Frank Hoffman Jr. and Evelyn Hoffman of Mentor, Ohio, and Bill and LaDonna Hoffman of Coldwater, Mich.; six grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 21 stepgreat-grandchildren and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robbie Hoffman, in 1965, a stepgrandson, Larry Winright; a brother, Kenneth Barr, and a sister, Margaret Blakely.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier, with Pastor John Crilley officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Montpelier.

Calling will be today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mary Jane Reinhart

BUTLER — Mary Jane Reinhart, 87, of Butler, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at her home in Butler.

Mrs. Reinhart was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 22, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Benjamin F. and Mary E. (Munger) Maggert.

She married V.M. "Red" Reinhart in Fort Wayne. He died March 17, 1984.

Surviving are two nieces, Julie Berta of South Bend and Sue Cummins of Fort Collins, Colo; two nephews, Joel Veach of South Bend and Kent Maggert of Houston; and a brother-in-law, Charles D. Veach of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Robert Maggert, and two sisters, Florence Carothers and Laura Belle Veach.

Services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Valette Worman

HAMILTON — Valette Worman, 84, of Hamilton died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Worman

Mrs. Worman was the former nutrition director for the Fort Wayne Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of the Hamilton Lake Fish and Game Club, a former member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sodality, Fort Wayne, and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born March 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne, to Clarence and Adele (Galland) Lomont.

She married Garland F. Worman on July 4, 1941, in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Bob Matthys of Westville and Peggy and Paul Hayden of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two spouses, Angie and Kriss Noel, Scott Matthys, Richard and Debbie Matthys, Michelle Hayden, Nicky Hayden, Tony Hayden and Suzie Hayden; four great-grandchildren, Jonah Noel, Rachel Noel, Jacob Noel and Stephanie Matthys; and several nieces and nephews. She enjoyed the company of a family pet dog, Lexus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a stillborn son, two brothers, Richard and Thomas Lomont, and a sister, Georgian Seimet.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center Renal Care Group or Masses.

Eloise Etter

FORT WAYNE — Eloise D. Etter, 86, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Etter was a homemaker and had worked for Kmart for 16 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, William Etter; a daughter, Vicki Harden of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry Etter of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eleanor Baker of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Janice Petrie

ALBION — Janice M. Petrie, 62, of Albion died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Doris Reichard

COLDWATER, Mich. — Doris M. Reichard, 76, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reichard was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Hamlin, Mich., to William and Sophia (Meddaco) LaHaye. She was married to Kenneth Ray Reichard on June 28, 1949, in Van Wert, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 22, 2002.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawas, and her hobbies included playing the guitar, bingo, sewing and gardening.

Surviving are two daughters, Darleen Martin and Shirley Brauker, both of Coldwater; a son, Alan Ray Reichard of Coldwater; six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Austen Brauker officiating. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Janice Petrie

ALBION - Janice Marie Petrie, 62, of Albion died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mrs. Petrie was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired in 1998 after 30 years of service at Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

She attended Rehoboth Church, rural Albion, and was a member of York Township Home Extension Club. She will be remembered as being a very spiritual woman who enjoyed attending gospel and religious concerts. She also enjoyed crocheting and reading.

She was born Oct. 31, 1941, in Kendallville to Ray P. and Alta M. (Polston) Engle. She graduated in 1959 from Albion High School. On Sept. 4, 1959, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren, she married John Howard Petrie Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Petrie Jr. of Albion, Jack and Sandy Petrie of Albion and Joe Petrie of Athens, Wis.; a daughter, Jane Harhigh of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Irene Engle of Springfield, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jack Engle, in 1958.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenburg officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Rehoboth Church.

Violet DePew

COLUMBIA CITY - Violet Mae DePew, 90, of Columbia City died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since October 2002.

Mrs. DePew

Mrs. DePew had lived in Columbia City since 1984. Prior to that she and her husband had lived on a farm near Ormas in Noble Township in Noble County. They spent the winter months for 21 years in Florida.

She was a homemaker and a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born Oct. 11, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to George and Nannie (Wright) Hoffman. On May 23, 1931, she married Vaughn David DePew. He died Oct. 11, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Vivian DePew of Fort Wayne and Keith and Bonnie DePew of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Norman Level of Garrett; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley; a great-grandson; and a brother, Basil Hoffman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Bertha Rife

COLUMBIA CITY — Bertha May Rife, 94, of Columbia City died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since December 2003.

Mrs. Rife

Mrs. Rife grew up in Wolf Lake and was educated in the Wolf Lake School. She had lived at Columbia City since 1982.

She was a homemaker and a member of Big Lake Church of God and the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Rife was born May 1, 1910, near Wolf Lake to John and Minnie (Mack) Gray. In 1927, she married Arthur O. "Bob" Rife. He died Oct. 21, 1975.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Virgil, in 1951; a sister, Clara Boner; and six brothers, Walter, Arthur, Carl, Ralph, Harry and Vernie Gray.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. S.R. 109, Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer and the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

Anna Jacobs

LIGONIER — Anna J. Jacobs, 65, of Ligonier died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jacobs was employed at BRC in Ligonier.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville and enjoyed quilting, flower gardening, birds and photography.

She was born Sept. 17, 1938, in LaGrange County to Jonas J. and Edna N. (Troyer) Weaver. On July 8, 1965, she married Daniel Jacobs. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bob Jacobs of Elkhart; three brothers, Calvin Weaver of Shipshewana, Harry Weaver of Topeka and Harley Weaver of Dalton, Wis.; six sisters, Ella Yoder, Susie Wengerd and Edna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Helen Hostetler of Topeka, Esther Miller of Ligonier and Lydia Bontrager of New Paris; a grandson, Bradley M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Jacobs, in 1976; and a sister, Elsie Miller.

Services will be at noon Saturday in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Brady

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Evelyn Elaine Stage Brady, 81, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Brady was born in Angola on July 22, 1922. She was a 1940 Angola High School graduate, and attended Tri-State College. She relocated from Columbus to St. Petersburg in 1959, where she became a certified AMF bowling instructor.

When she retired from bowling instruction in the mid 1970s, she worked as a home health care professional for many years in St. Petersburg. She was an active member of the Women's International Bowling Congress, the 20-Year Club, and the Angola Chapter of the Women of the Moose.

She was a charter member of the 600 club (beginning in 1962) and the Florida Women's Senior Stars.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Brady of Rowlett, Texas; a companion, Jerry Weber of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Donna Collins of Hicksville, Ohio and Phyllis Wakefield of New Whiteland; and two brothers, John Stage of Fort Wayne and Richard Stage of Connecticut.

Services have already been held. Arrangements were by C.E. Prevatt Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Thomas Harris

INDIANAPOLIS — Thomas J. Harris, 66, of Indianapolis, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Community Hospital North.

Mr. Harris was born Jan. 30, 1938, in Ashley, to Paul J. and Dorothy (Madden) Harris. He was the valedictorian of Pleasant Lake High School's class of 1955, and received a scholarship to attend Columbia University in New York City.

He later graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, and obtained a master's degree from the school. He worked in management for the U.S. Postal Service in Fort Wayne for 25 years and completed his career with the postal service in Indianapolis after 5 years.

He was a competitive chess player, traveling throughout the United States to tournaments. He was an officer in the Indiana State Chess Association for almost 20 years.

Surviving are a sister, Marianne Stevens of Indianapolis; three nephews and a spouse, Eric Wolfe and Todd and Natalie Wolf, all of Indianapolis, and Mark Wolfe of Pendleton; a niece, Dee Ann DeCosterd of Seattle; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Grove Lawn Cemetery in Pendleton.

Memorials are to any local chess clubs or associations.

Arrangements are being handled by Seals Funeral Home, Fortville.

Thursday, June 10, 2004

Edith Beem

READING, Mich. — Edith A. Beem, 54, of Reading, Mich., died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Beem was born July 4, 1949, in Wayne County, Mich., to Lawrence and Florence (Manning) Long. She married Larry Beem on Sept. 11, 1971. He survives.

She graduated in 1968 from Reading High School, and attended Kellogg Community College.

She had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service, and was a homemaker. She belonged to the Fremont Loyal Order of Moose, and enjoyed camping, fishing and pontoon rides. She also volunteered as a teacher's aide.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorrie and Mike Beard of Romulus, Mich.; a son, Tim Beem of Camden, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Milton Midtgard of Montgomery, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Larry and Linda Long of Osseo, Mich., Robert and Sheila Long and Edward Long, all of Florida and Danny and Ann Long of Montgomery; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time on Saturday at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, with Pastor Gerald Hallman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Berg Cemetery in Michigan.

Memorials are to Mooseheart Camp in Batavia, Ill.

Rupert Herman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Rupert A. Herman, 92, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Parkview Nursing Care Center, Edgerton, where he was a resident.

Mr. Herman was born on Aug. 12, 1911, in Edgerton, to George X. and Clara (Batt) Herman. He married Virginia E. Yingling on Feb. 23, 1938, in Garrett, and she survives.

He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton. He also held membership in the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1494 in Edgerton and the Bishop Rappe Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a member and past president of the Williams County Farm Bureau.

Also surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, William and Pat Herman and George E. and Pat Herman, all of Edgerton, Richard E. Herman of Walkersville, Md., David and Patty Herman of Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael A. Herman of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Daniel and Shari Herman of South Bend; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Margaret Ann and Robert Warnock Jr. of South Bend, Ruth E. Burkholder of Pasadena, Texas and Christina M. and Dennis Jones of Hamilton; 30 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Melinda Warnock-Campbell, two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. Indiana time at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton with the Rev. Thomas Oedy officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School.

Marty Altimus

WATERLOO — Marty Fender Altimus, 68, of Waterloo died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Altimus was a homemaker and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 6, 1936, in Continental, Ohio, to Edward and Ruth (Smith) Fackler.

She married Earl Altimus on June 8, 1984, in Texas. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeff Fender of Kendallville, and Ervin Fender and Lonnie Fender, both of Auburn; one daughter, Laura Madsen of Auburn; two stepsons, Kirk Altimus of Auburn and Dana Altimus of Angola; one stepdaughter, Dawn Best of Pensacola, Fla.; one brother, Roger Fackler of Okeechobee, Fla.; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Mark Altimus, and a granddaughter, Kimberly Madsen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mike Spears

HARLAN — Mike Spears, 49, of Harlan died Sunday at his home.

Mrs. Spears was an accountant for 20 years.

He was born April 22, 1955, in Fort Wayne to John P. Spears Sr. and Barbara (Wilson) Spears. His father preceded him in death and mother survives.

Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, John P. Spears Jr., and Sue Spears of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law Vicki and John Spears Wright of Vandalia, Ohio, and Pat and Michael Spears Cameron of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Easy Spears, Krista Cameron and Ashley Cameron; one nephew, Bryan Kendall Wright; and his dog, Charly.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Wayne C. [illegible] Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery at Clear Lake.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Friday, June 11, 2004

Bernadine Kinsey

ANGOLA — Bernadine A. "Bernie" Kinsey, 89, of Angola died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for 43 years, retiring in 1976.

She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born July 8, 1914, in Clinton, Ill., to Maroe and Lucy (Wright) Evans. She first married Deak Fifer, and later married Dale Snyder. She then married Jimmie Kinsey. All preceded her in death.

Two brothers, Wesley and Scott Evans, and a sister, Laurie Read, are also deceased.

Surviving are a stepson, Richard Kinsey of Durham, N.C.; four stepdaughters, Patricia Billings of Oakman, Ala., Martha Walters of Fremont, Barbara Wells of Cameron, W.Va., and Mary Ethel McMillen of Belmont, Ohio; 12 stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; a nephew, Michael Evans of Pocatello, Idaho; and two nieces, Candi Wallace of Tanzana, Calif., and Cyndy Lou Tracy of San Clemente, Calif.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Tim Stiller officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

R. Eldon Hardy

AUBURN — R. Eldon Hardy, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Hardy

Mr. Hardy was a tool-and-die maker for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Auburn Knights of Pythias Lodge, Auburn Eastern Star and William Hacker Chapter.

He was born June 17, 1918, in South Whitley to Arthur and Harriett (Seery) Hardy.

He married Lucille Barley on Aug. 31, 1940, at the Auburn Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Hardy of Auburn and Robert and Kathleen Hardy of Auburn; a daughter, Carol Ann Payton of Auburn; two brothers, Dean of Allegan, Mich., and Roger of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Joan Winkler, Ron and Tom Morr, Debbie, Kathryn and Tommy Payton, Bob and Rick Hardy, Billy and Crissi Griggs and Lindsay Bowers; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Demaris Allison.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church. A DeKalb Masonic Lodge service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday and an Auburn Eastern Star Lodge service will take place at 7:15 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Olive Roth

FORT WAYNE — Olive J. (Jackson) Roth, 84, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Cecil, Ohio, Mrs. Roth was a homemaker. She was a 1938 graduate of Paulding High School and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and its food bank.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph S. of Garrett and Richard T. of Akron, Ohio; a daughter, Colleen J. Papal of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard L. Jackson of Traverse City, Mich., and Stanley E. Jackson of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Colleen E. Campbell of Holt, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas J., in 1993, two brothers, Stephen O. Jackson and Floyd Jackson, and a sister, Myrtle Henry.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information from the funeral home.*

Anna Jacobs

LIGONIER — Anna J. Jacobs, 65, of Ligonier died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jacobs was employed at BRC in Ligonier.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville and enjoyed quilting, flower gardening, birds and photography.

She was born Sept. 17, 1938, in LaGrange County to Jonas J. and Edna N. (Troyer) Weaver. On July 8, 1965, she married Daniel Jacobs. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Bob Jacobs of Elkhart; three brothers, Calvin Weaver of Shipshewana, Harry Weaver of Topeka and Harley Weaver of Dalton, Wis.; six sisters, Ella Yoder, Susie Wengerd and Edna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Helen Hostetler of Topeka, Esther Miller of Ligonier and Lydia Bontrager of New Paris; a grandson, Bradley M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Jacobs, in 1976; and a sister, Elsie Miller.

Services will be at noon Saturday in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family.

Terry Everline

VALRICO, Fla. — Terry L. Everline, 38, of Valrico, Fla., and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Brandon Hospital in Brandon, Fla.

Mr. Everline was born Aug. 21, 1965, in Coldwater, Mich., to Samuel and Yvonne (Fradenburg) Everline.

He was a computer operator. He was a graduate of Davenport Business College and Camden-Frontier High School.

He enjoyed antiques and playing the piano. He had also lived in Arizona and California.

Surviving are his mother, Yvonne H. Everline of Montgomery; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Samuel and Jean Everline of Coldwater, Mich.; Scott and Sandra Everline of Montgomery and Steven and Stephanie Everline of Camden, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his father. A sister, Sherie Stempien, died on June 11, 2004.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorial services were also held in Florida.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Dorena Davis

LAGRANGE — Dorena F. Davis, 75, of LaGrange, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. Davis was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Wolcottville to Milburn and Laura (Frisby) Mynhier. She was married to Victor R. Davis on Aug. 20, 1950, and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1970.

She was retired from Dana Corp. in Angola. She lived all of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Pioneer Club of Dana Corp. and Local 1406 U.A.W.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, DuAnn and Thomas Huffman of LaGrange, Laureen and Joseph Donnay of Phoenix, Tamra and Kenneth Duzan of LaGrange, Rebecca S. Davis of Waterloo and Cheryl L. Davis of South Bend; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas R. and Diane Davis of LaGrange and James B. and Darlene Davis of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Joan Mynhier of Pleasant Lake; and 12 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Joan Davis, on May 19, 1962; two sisters, Mildred McHugh and Opal Wyatt; and five brothers, Frank, Earl, Oscar, Robert and Marvin Mynhier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Rick Davis and the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Sherie Stempien

COLDWATER, Mich. — Sherie Y. Stempien, 46, Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Stempien was born Nov. 14, 1957, in Coldwater to Samuel and Yvonne (Fradenburg) Everline. She married Charles Stempien on June 21, 1985, and he survives.

She had been a computer composer at Moore North America, Angola, since 1987. She was a 1975 graduate of Camden-Frontier High School, and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in fishery science in 1983. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, golf and gardening.

Also surviving are her mother, Yvonne Everline of Montgomery, Mich.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy and Bill Winger of Coldwater, Cheryl McCarty of Auburn and Tammy and Todd Devlin of Coldwater; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Tracie Stempien of Caldonia, Mich. and William Stempien of Coldwater; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Samuel and Jean Everline of Quincy, Mich., Scott and Sandra Everline of Montgomery, Mich., and Steven and Stephanie Everline of Camden, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Terry Everline, on Feb. 5, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Lester Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of Sturgis in Sturgis, Mich., or the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, June 12, 2004

Louise Shaw

ALBION — Louise Shaw, 58, of Albion, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Roderick Benner

DENVER, Colo. — Roderick Benner, 46, of Denver, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Benner was 1976 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born Oct. 4, 1957, in Elkhart to Gale and Donna (Parker) Benner. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, April Benner, Rachel Benner and Melanie Benner, all of Colorado, and their mother, Sharon (Leins) Henry, also of Colorado; three brothers, Victor and Brad, both of Auburn, and Michael of Minnesota.

Kenneth Nichols

ALBION — Kenneth A. Nichols, 90, of Albion, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Nichols was born June 19, 1913, in Whitley County to Charles C. and Eletha Maude (Egolf) Nichols. He was married to Mary Esther Hedges for 69 years. They were married on Oct. 31, 1934, in Columbia City. She survives.

He was a grocer, farmer and real estate broker. He worked for Kroger part-time all through his high school years, then became full-time in 1945. He was the manager of stores in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

In 1945, he opened his own store in Churubusco, known as Nichols Finer Foods. He owned and operated that until 1950.

He was the Whitley County deputy treasurer for several years, and a two-term Whitley County clerk. He was a bookkeeper for LaOtto Elevator and Noble County Credit Union. He was also a dispatcher for several years for the Columbia City police and fire departments. He and his son-in-law, Duane, owned and operated a real estate broker service in Albion.

He had lived in Albion since 1994. He had lived in Columbia City and Whitley County for most of his life. He and his wife had also spent 16 winters in Florida.

He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. No. 189. He was a charter member of the Thorn Creek Fire Department in Whitley County, and served as secretary-treasurer for the department for over 15 years.

He was a 1932 graduate of Columbia City High School, and graduated from college as a real estate ASA broker.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Rose and Duane Guthrie of Albion and Elaine Kay McGlennen of Lavonia, Ga.; two sisters, Blanch Patton and Lois Baker, both of Columbia City; seven grandchildren, Kim, Kelly, Kari, Bryan, Deb, Becky and Shelby; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles T. "Tom," Paul and Ralph Nichols, and two sisters, Eletha Mathias and Norma Thomas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery, Columbia City.

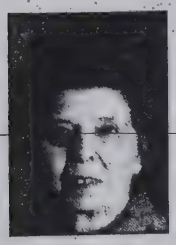
Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials are to First Christian Church Building Fund.

Sunday, June 13, 2004

E. Marie Hand

HUNTERTOWN — E. Marie (Warstler) Hand, 85, of Huntertown died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient two weeks.



Mrs. Hand

She was a homemaker her entire life and enjoyed sewing, current events, pro golfer Tiger Woods and most especially her children and grandchildren. She had resided at her present home in Huntertown since 1992.

Mrs. Hand was born July 10, 1918, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Curtis Edward and Anna C. (Armstrong) Warstler. She spent her formative years near Auburn.

On Jan. 5, 1935, in Columbia City, she married William Joseph Hand. They lived in Huntington County for 18 years before moving to Huntertown in 1955. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1989.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Carroll and Shirley Hand of Fort Wayne, Larry and Joyce Hand of Roanoke, Billy and Sandra Hand of Fort Wayne, and Jesse and Jacque Hand of Garrett; four daughters and three sons-in-law, DeMarise and Lynn Martin of Fort Wayne, Shirley Gronski of Gowanda, N.Y., Marsha and Richard Myers of LaOtto, and Barbara Deetz Kissner and Raymond Kissner of Wolcottville; three sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn, Dorothy Hall of Garrett and Juanita Groneau of Fort Wayne; a half-brother and his wife, Bill and Mary Coak of Butler; 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Also preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Darlene Hand Johnson; a great-grandson, Ryan Hand; and a son-in-law, Larry Deetz.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Sherri Long, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com. Memorials are to the Huntertown EMS.

Larry Kuhn Sr.

CROMWELL — Larry S. Kuhn Sr., 58, of Cromwell died of natural causes at 6 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

He had retired after 25 years with Fairmont Homes in Nappanee, where he was plant manager.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Kuhn was a 1963 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, hunting, golf and his four chihuahuas, Chichi, Bear, Gray and Miss Hilary Clinton. He was a member of the Rock Church.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Marvin E. and Betty R. (Stump) Kuhn.

He married Emilee Dean on July 5, 2001. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Betty Cochlin of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Bobby Jacobs of Cromwell and Suzanne and Arizona Schaefer of Kendallville; a son, Larry S. Kuhn II of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Shawn Dean of Cromwell; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Franklin and Donna Dean of Nappanee and Chadd Crow of Nappanee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Dave Blanchard of Ohio and Angie and Gene Deck of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Sandy Kuhn of Cromwell and Dan and Doreene Kuhn of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. 1000N, Syracuse, with Dr. Gary Tuttle officiating. Burial with military graveside services will be at Thorn Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Walter Stanley

KENDALLVILLE — Walter "Jr." Stanley, 58, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his residence.

He was employed at Flint & Walling and was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 14, 1946, in Lackey, Ky.

Surviving are his former wife, Ernestine Stanley of Wolcottville; three sons, David Stanley of Bronson, Mich., Daniel Stanley of Wolcottville, and Zackery Stanley of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Geneva Hall of Avilla, Freda and John McRoberts of Avilla and Virginia Stanley of Fort Wayne; five grandsons, Auston Hoover of Avilla, Shawn McRoberts of Avilla, Devin McRoberts of Avilla, Robbie Stanley of Wolcottville and Jordan Hall of Avilla; one granddaughter, Alea Stanley of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Wallace of Waterloo; and one uncle and aunt, Paul and Polly Stanley of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were a grandson, Bailey Hall; and two aunts, Ann Boggs and Corrine Fitzpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

To send condolences or sign the online guest register, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ernest Asher

KENDALLVILLE — Ernest M. Asher, 68, of Kendallville, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a machinist and tool-and-die maker, and served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant.

He was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Hazard, Ky., to Dill and Blanche (Baker) Asher.

Surviving are his former wife, Annette Asher of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Julie Asher of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Mishler of Rome City; two granddaughters, Taryn Mishler and Cherise Mishler, both of Rome City; a half-brother, Skipper Davis of Punta Gorda, Fla.; a sister, Marie Thompson of Wilcox, Ariz.; and two nephews, Dill Asher of Midlothian, Va., and Clayton Brown of Hazard, Ky.

Preceding him in death were one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Peggy Asher of Lakeland, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Steven Brown

RIVERVIEW, Fla. — Steven L. Brown, 57, of Riverview, Fla., formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, June 11, 2004, after a brief illness.

Mr. Brown was a miller by trade, and he had worked in Indiana for many years.

He was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Champaign, Ill.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn J. Wojtas of Sun City Center; his wife, Haydee Brown of Riverview; two daughters, Tammy Hoderread and Cheryle Brown, both of Indiana; and two sons, Timothy of Indiana and Christopher of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Edward J. Wojtas of Sun City Center, in 2000.

Private burial will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Arrangements are by Lewers Funeral Home, 308 E. College Ave., Ruskin, Fla.

William Shepherd

WOLCOTTVILLE — William David "Bones" Shepherd, 32, of Wolcottville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

He was a former employee of Dometic Corp. in LaGrange. He moved from Kentucky to LaGrange County in 1988.

He was born Oct. 14, 1971, in McDowell, Ky., to Hershel and Marcella (Kilburn) Shepherd. His father preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1973. His mother survives in Brimfield.

He married Jillann L. (Pairan) Shepherd on Jan. 11, 1997, in Mongo. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Keaton, at home; two daughters, Kerstinn Tropp and Kollienn Tropp, at home; and three brothers, Timothy Shepherd of Kentucky, Kelvin Shepherd of Albion and Bobby Shepherd of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City, with the Rev. Purda Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Full Gospel Revival Center.

The Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Noah Schrock

GOSHEN — Noah E. Schrock, 72, of rural Goshen died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at 1:25 a.m. at his home. He had been in declining health.

He was a self-employed farmer and carpenter and had worked at V & L Woodworking. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Elkhart County to Ervin J. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock.

On Oct. 29, 1953, in Millersburg, he married Irene M. Hochstetler. She died Oct. 1, 1995. He then married Katie Knepp on Nov. 25, 1999, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, LeEtta and Howard Hochstetler of Goshen, Waneta and Crist Gingerich of Topeka, Pauline Schrock of Goshen, and Marlene and Jacob Yoder of Goshen; four sons and their spouses, Olan and Orpha Schrock of Millersburg, Gilbert and Edith Schrock of New Paris, Merle and Ruby Schrock of Goshen and Lester and Trisa Schrock of Goshen; one sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Albert and Maxine Schrock of Pana, Ill., Jacob and Nettie Schrock of Topeka, George and Martha Schrock of Ligonier, Leo Schrock of Topeka, and John Schrock of Osseo, Mich.; 39 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, David, Joseph and Earl Schrock; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Howard Hochstetler residence, 64555 C.R. 43, Goshen, with Bishop Freeman S. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery of rural Goshen.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 63559 C.R. 43, Goshen.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Monday, June 14, 2004

Patrick Coffey

CHURUBUSCO — Patrick D. Coffey, 75, of Churubusco died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey had lived near Churubusco for 17 years. He had worked as an appliance technician for 40 years and retired in 2002 after being self-employed for 20 years. He had worked at Montgomery Ward in Fort Wayne for 10 years.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a U.S. Air Force veteran where he was a mechanic on B-52 bombers.

Mr. Coffey was the son of Bernard and Marie (Yates) Coffey. On Dec. 18, 1948, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he married Janet H. Winter. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Hope Coffey of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Steve Orchard of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Vince Cahill of Cincinnati and Gloria and Marc Stuntebeck of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege with Father Danny Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Louise Shaw

ALBION — Louise A. Shaw, 62, of Albion died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since April 6.

Mrs. Shaw was a homemaker and a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge. She had lived in Albion since 1971.

She was born April 5, 1942, in Granville, N.Y., to Charles and Anna (Jurnack) Baker. In 1971 in Albion, she married Donald H. Shaw. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Theresa (Peterson) and Brian Bajgrowicz of Marion; a brother, John Baker of Granville; two sisters, Rose Ann Harrington of Salem, N.Y., and Gloria Petty of Cossayuna, N.Y.; and a granddaughter, Jessica Lynn Peterson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at Robert M. King Funeral Home, 23 Church St., Granville. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Granville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Bert Patton

CHURUBUSCO — Bert J. Patton, 88, of Churubusco died at 8:28 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been admitted earlier in the day.

Mr. Patton

Mr. Patton had lived in the Churubusco area since 1948.

He had been employed at Indiana Rubber Co. in Fort Wayne and as a security guard at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born April 16, 1916, in Richmond, Ky., to Joseph and Nimmie (Stone) Patton. In 1944, he married Hanna M. Asher. She died Dec. 13, 1975. In 1979, he married Mary Jane (Blust) Abel. She died Dec. 25, 2003.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Ianucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn, and Patty and Brian Kline of Waterloo; four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Patton of Dallas, Texas, Larry Patton and Pat and Sandy Patton, all of Churubusco, and Bob Patton of Bayford, N.M.; a brother, Horace Patton of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Monday, June 14, 2004

Caleb Zeeb

FREMONT — Caleb Michael Zeeb, infant, was born and died on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

Caleb was born at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola to Melissa Sue Grove and Jeffrey Edgar Zeeb. He died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Caleb's mother survives in Angola, and his father survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Shelly Castner and William Grove, both of Angola; and paternal grandparents, Dennis Spidel and Janny O'Connell of Fremont and Randy and Carol Zeeb of Pleasant Lake.

Private family services will take place, with the Rev. Skip Carsten officiating. There will be no calling.

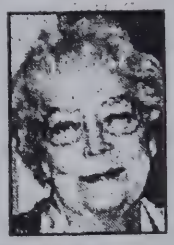
Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Anthony Wayne Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Marian Buttermore

GOSHEN — Marian E. Buttermore, 86, of Goshen, died at 7:03 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2004, at her home from natural causes.



Mrs. Buttermore

Mrs. Buttermore was a bookkeeper for many years at Troy Laundry in Fort Wayne and had worked for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Corp. in Auburn as an executive secretary.

A native of Hamilton, she was a 1934 graduate of Hamilton High School. She also graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Hamilton to Shirley L. "Jake" and Eula D. (Teegardin) Sanxter.

On Dec. 19, 1948, in Detroit, she married Harold Robert Buttermore. He died July 30, 1995.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven R. and Vicky Buttermore of Goshen; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan L. and Elwayne Miller of Elkhart; a sister, Lawana Meisner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were two sisters, Geraldine West and Virginia Walker; a brother, Donald Sanxter; and two grandchildren.

The body will be cremated and there will be no calling. A private family memorial service will be at a later date.

Burial will be at a later date at Teegardin Cemetery of Hamilton.

Arrangements are by Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

Dr. James Keyes Jr.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dr. James L. Keyes Jr., 76, Columbus, Ohio, whose family members have long been summer residents of Lake James, passed away at 3:15 a.m., Friday, June 4, 2004, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus.

Dr. Keyes

He was born on April 27, 1928, in Peru, to J. Lyman and Mary Edith Weigel Keyes. Mr. Keyes was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School.

In 1950, he graduated from Wabash College, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as president during his senior year. In later years, he was elected to the board of trustees of Wabash College. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wabash College in 1987.

Mr. Keyes received an MBA degree in 1952, from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Following graduation from Harvard he served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1954, Dr. Keyes joined Cummins Engine Co., Columbus as an administration trainee, and then assumed the position of Sales Engineer. In 1958 he became Distributorship Manager in Hibbing, Minn., for Cummins Diesel Sales Corp. While there he served as district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1959 he returned to Columbus as manager of [illegible] Cummins Diesel Sales Corp. He then became director of sales services, marketing services, and general sales manager for government, marine and industrial. He has served as vice president for major accounts, national accounts, C & T Sales and Industrial Marketing.

He was active in civic affairs, Kiwanis, past president of Junior Chamber of Commerce and was involved in historical restoration and preservation of landmarks in downtown Columbus, Ind. He served as president of the Indiana Chapter for Mental Health and Mentally Handicapped Association.

In 1976, he was named distributor principal of Cummins Ohio Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, with two branches in Columbus and Lima, Ohio. In 1982 the Columbus plant merged with Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, Youngstown and Strasburg, and in 1983 with Cincinnati. It now includes all of Ohio and was renamed Cummins Ohio, Inc.

Dr. Keyes remained president of Cummins Ohio, Inc. until 1993 and served as chairman of the board until 1996, when his health brought about his decision to retire. He was involved in the Columbus, Ohio, community, where he was the founding president of the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. He also headed the Columbus, Ohio, Mayor's Task Force at the City Garage. He was a member of the Scioto Country Club and the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an Elder.

Dr. Keyes was appointed to the board of directors of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped by then President George H. W. Bush, in 1990.

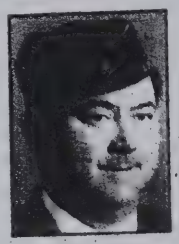
Dr. Keyes is survived by a sister, Mary Keyes Temple and her husband Terry, Peru; a brother, Dr. Robert Coleman Keyes and wife Joline, Fort Wayne; two nieces, Anne Keyes Vogt, Estes Park, Colo., and Elizabeth Temple Yager, Apex, N.C.; four nephews, Robert C. Keyes, Jr., of Thornville, Ohio; Jeffrey Keyes and wife Lisa, Buckeye Lake, Ohio; James Robert Temple, Lafayette; and John Michael Temple and wife Janine, Angola; two great-nieces, Chelsea and Jordan Ashley; three great-nephews, John Robert, Joshua Michael, and Christopher; and a stepgreat-niece, Brianna. Also surviving are loving cousins, special care givers, friends, associates and many of his beloved classmates of Peru High School Class of 1946.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Richard Thomas

AUBURN — Richard L. Thomas, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.


Mr. Thomas

Mr. Thomas was the owner and operator of Thomas Painters Inc. in Auburn for 60 years. He was a life member and past commander of Auburn American Legion Post 97, a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Auburn Elks, Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club and Garrett Country Club.

He attended Auburn High School until Feb. 5, 1942, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater with the 3rd Infantry Division as a medic.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Auburn to Alva and Pauline (Quince) Thomas.

Upon his discharge from the military, he married Virginia M. Cromwell on Nov. 25, 1945. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hart and Janet and Robert Maxwell, all of Auburn; a brother, Wayne D. Thomas of Fresno, Calif.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Thomas of Auburn and Bethany and David Heffley of Corunna; two grandaughters and one grandson and their families, Stacy Guinn and Jeff Hanson of Auburn, Heather Norton of Corunna and Lance and Mary Norton of St. Joe; one great-grandchild, Alyssa Gibson of Auburn; and three stepgrandsons, Matthew, Patrick and Jonathan Heffley.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Thomas.

A graveside military service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn. The family invites everyone to a memorial celebration at the Auburn American Legion post after the graveside services.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post 97 Building Fund.

Homer Sutton Jr.

ORLAND — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for Homer Sutton Jr., 73, of Orland.

Mr. Sutton died at his residence on Monday, June 14, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette Sutton.

Verl Provines

BUTLER — Verl R. Provines, 84, of Butler died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Provines was a lifetime farmer in Stafford Township, retiring in 1998. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and its board of directors.

He was born July 15, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines. They preceded him in death.

On May 24, 1941, he married Letha Weisz in Edgerton, Ohio. After 59 years of marriage, she died on Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviveing are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Thomas Garman of Markle and Mary and Patrick Crow of Spencerville; two brothers, James Provines of Butler and Darwin Provines of St. Joe; a sister, Melva Eakright of Butler; five grandchildren, Amy Ewers of Wolcottville, Mitchell Keller of Ossian, David Crow of Fort Wayne, Julie Christensen of Indianapolis and Jennifer Gray of Roanoke; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kaitlynn.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Devere Provines, who was killed in World War II, a sister, Lorene Berry, and a son-in-law, Cleo Keller.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Thursday one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in the Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church or Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Bert Gearhart

BUTLER — Bert M. Gearhart, 80, of Butler died Monday, June 14, 2004, at 4 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Gearhart was employed as a shipping scheduler at Tri-Wall Containers for 20 years and had served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M., the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Butler Board of Zoning Appeals. He was a retired 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department, which he had served as chief.

He was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Butler to Bert and Gladys (Oberlin) Gearhart. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Cotrill on Nov. 26, 1948, in Angola. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett and Lora Gearhart and Marc Gearhart, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Roger Petre of Butler; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Frank Weller officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Harold 'Barney' Ely

BUTLER — Harold J. "Barney" Ely, 77, of Butler and formerly of Avilla died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Butler.

Mr. Ely spent the winter months in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He had been a brick mason and builder for more than 40 years.

He was an avid race fan and had worked at the Avilla race track and later at the Daytona International Speedway for 10 years. He had caps from all the NASCAR teams and drivers and wore one everyday.

Mr. Ely served as a reserve Noble County deputy sheriff. He got his nickname at the Avilla race track because of his resemblance to Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith" TV show, and like Fife, carried only one bullet in his gun. Most of his friends in Avilla and Daytona Beach never knew his real name.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran serving in France and Germany. He was a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mr. Ely was born Dec. 5, 1926, in LaGrange County to Norven and Maude (Gable) Ely. In 1973, he married R. June Rowe. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Larry Montgomery of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry L. and Marie Ely of Fort Wayne and Rickey L. and Lisa Ely of Avilla; two stepchildren, Fred A. and Brenda Myers of Avondale, Ariz., and Linda D. and Michael Amstutz of Auburn; a brother, Carl Ely of Kendallville; a sister, Mildred Rottger of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating.

Memorials are to NASCAR Victory Junction Camp or the DeKalb County Hospice.

Betty Rheinheimer

LAGRANGE — Betty J. Rheinheimer, 80, of LaGrange died at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Rheinheimer was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had been a cook at the 5&20 Country Kitchen in Shipshewana.

She was born Oct. 26, 1923, in LaGrange County to Noel C. and Georgia (Walter) Rowan.

Surviving are a son, James D. Rheinheimer of LaGrange; a brother, Karl Rowan of LaGrange; a sister, Lucille Nelson of Shipshewana; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Donna Hiner

MARKLE — Donna Kay Hiner, 55, of Markle died Sunday, June 13, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

She was a senior technical support associate for Raytheon Corp. for 18 years.

She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 1421 in Waynedale, and enjoyed crafts, quilting, reading and fishing.

Surviving are her parents, Dan and Virginia Hiner of Markle; a son, Christopher Hiner of Cleveland; one sister, Debie Hiner of Markle; two brothers, Hillard Daniel Hiner Jr., of Harrisburg, Pa., and Hugh Dennis Hiner of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her grandchildren for their educational expenses.

Helen Fuleki

AUBURN — Helen M. Fuleki, 80, of Auburn died Monday June 14, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and loved to do crafts and sew.

She was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Butler to Jacob and Edna (Taylor) McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Fuleki, on March 10, 2002.

Surviving are five sons, Ronald Fuleki of Butler, Emery "Vince" Fuleki of Auburn, Joseph Fuleki of Poe, Gary Fuleki of St. Joe and Dennis Fuleki of Auburn; a brother, Harold McDonald of Butler; and a sister, Lois Cordes of Florida.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Allen Thacker

GARRETT — Allen Paul Thacker, 78, of Garrett died Monday, June 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He formerly lived in Butler and had retired from both Universal Tool of Butler and Edgerton Metals of Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Thacker was born May 9, 1926, in Pikeville, Ky., to Oliver and Julie (Thacker) Thacker. They preceded him in death.

In 1946 in Pikeville, he married Gladys Thacker. She died in 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Bill, Paul and Clarence Thacker, all of Garrett; three daughters, Julia Irish and Allena Thacker, both of Butler, and Brittani Reed of Bryan, Ohio; a brother, Dennis Thacker of Lexington, Ky.; two sisters, June Damron of Elmwood Park, Ill., and Stella Stiltner of Grundy, Va.; 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, were a daughter, Thelma Ann, who died in infancy, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list additional surviving relatives.*

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Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with correct calling hours. We apologize for the error.*

Verl Provines

BUTLER — Calling for Verl R. Provines, 84, of Butler will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Mr. Provines died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He was a lifetime farmer in Stafford Township, retiring in 1998. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and its board of directors.

He was born July 15, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines. They preceded him in death.

On May 24, 1941, he married Letha Weisz in Edgerton, Ohio. After 59 years of marriage, she died on Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Thomas Garman of Markle and Mary and Patrick Crow of Spencerville; two brothers, James Provines of Butler and Darwin Provines of St. Joe; a sister, Melva Eakright of Butler; five grandchildren, Amy Ewers of Wolcottville, Mitchell Keller of Ossian, David Crow of Fort Wayne, Julie Christensen of Indianapolis and Jennifer Gray of Roanoke; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kaitlynn.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Devere Provines, who was killed in World War II, a sister, Lorene Berry, and a son-in-law, Cleo Keller.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church or Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Jack Gear

VAN WERT, Ohio — Jack R. Gear, 79, of Van Wert died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Van Wert Manor nursing home.

He retired in 1985 after 43 years as a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Amtrak and Conrail.

A veteran of World War II, he was a committee chairman of the Boy Scouts of America for 20 years.

He was born in Indianapolis on Aug. 12, 1924, to Mark M. and Edith (Neidig) Gear.

On Aug. 10, 1947, in Middle Point, Ohio, he married Mary DuVall. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John Gear of Dallas, Texas, and Mark Gear and Dale Gear, both of Middle Point; a daughter, Carol Gear of Auburn; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Carl Gear, and his parents.

Services will be at noon Friday (Indiana time) at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, the Rev. Paul Miller officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jason Gear. Burial will be at Ridge Cemetery in Middle Point.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

Susan Christie

FORT WAYNE — Susan K. Christie, 59, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at her home.

She was a homemaker and sold Avon products for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Christie was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving are her husband, Steven F. Christie of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer J. Christie of Fort Wayne; a son, Michael A. Relue of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; her mother, Pauline M. Siddall of Hamilton; and two sisters, Sharon J. Meitz of Fort Wayne and Sandra L. Siddall of Hamilton.

Preceding her in death was her father, Bert J. Siddall.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at the Trinity Episcopal Church Crypt.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Hospice.

Homer Sutton Jr.

ORLAND — Homer Sutton Jr., 73, of Orland, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Sutton was born Sept. 25, 1930, in Angola, to Homer H. Sr. and Nellie (Lahrman) Sutton. He was married to Bernadette Alday on June 3, 1951, in Orland. She survives.

He worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 26 years. He was a member of the Orland Lions Club and the Orland United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

His hobbies included fishing, especially ice fishing, and woodworking.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny Sutton of LaGrange and Mark Sutton of Orland; a grandson, Gary Sutton of Germany; three sisters, Mary Schaefer of Orland, Suzie Galloway of Mishawaka and Karen Kline of LaGrange; and two brothers, Charles Sutton of Orland and David Sutton of Sturgis, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Ruth Hale and Norma Peet, and a brother, Richard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Orland United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue or the American Cancer Society.

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Pauline Delanoy

ALBION — Pauline Delanoy, 81, of rural Albion died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Among her survivors are her husband, Robert O. Delanoy; a son, Dale E. Delanoy of Churubusco; and two daughters, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie Scheckler of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

William Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — William A. Hochstetler, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hochstetler was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 24, 1946, in LaGrange to Amos W. and Edna J. (Weaver) Hochstetler. They are deceased. On Oct. 8, 1964, in LaGrange, he married Rosa M. Hochstetler. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Vernon Troyer of LaGrange, Edna and Joe Davon Yoder of Howe, Ruby and Lyle Dean Miller of Topeka and Sarah and Ivan Lambright of Shipshewana; seven sons and four daughters-in-law, Vernon Hochstetler, Daniel Hochstetler, Elmer Hochstetler, Howard and Carolyn Hochstetler and Alvin and JoAnna Hochstetler, all of LaGrange, and Amos and Leora Hochstetler and David and Wilma Hochstetler, all of Topeka; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Esther and Tobe Miller and Erma and Richard Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Sarah Mae Hochstetler, Wilma and LeRoy Hershberger and Irene and LeRoy Miller, all of Shipshewana; and 38 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Lee Hochstetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Mervin Whetstone residence at 150 N. C.R. 300E, LaGrange, with Bishop Daniel Hershberger and ministers Willy Schrock and Floyd Schmucker officiating. Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence at 1415 N. C.R. 300E, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte Mead

AUBURN — Charlotte L. Mead, 73, of Auburn died at 7:39 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mead

She was a machine operator at Electric Motors Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1993. She had lived in Auburn for the past four years and in Garrett and Auburn for the past 24 years.

Born July 20, 1930 in Angola, she was the daughter of Charles W. and Flossie Mae (Nickel) Carrick.

Surviving are four daughters, Paula Hughes of Kansas City, Mo., Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, Mary Sherwood of Michigan City and Pam Miller of Avilla; four sons, Bob Woodward of Garrett, Randy Emerick of Orland, Bill Mead of Louisberg, Ky., and Michael Mead of Auburn; two sisters, Willma Mae "June" Kaley of Phoenix and Clara Bontriger of Hillsdale, Mich.; a brother, Solomon "Bud" Carrick of Auburn; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Whitt.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Saturday in Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lowell Williams

FORT WAYNE — Lowell D. Williams, 71, of Fort Wayne died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Anderson, he was a Chartered Life Underwriter. He was employed at the Indiana University Credit Union and the IPFW campus. He served as director of music and pianist at Garrett United Methodist Church for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Son Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. DuPont Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service Saturday in the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church Music Department.

Glen Akey

SPENCERVILLE — Glen A. Akey, 75, of Spencerville died Wednesday morning, June 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Akey was the manager at Newnam Tire Service in Angola and also owned the Spencerville Shell Station. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Leo post of the American Legion and the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department. He played basketball for the Spencerville Red Raiders throughout high school and was on the regional championship team of 1946-47.

He was born Dec. 24, 1928, to Leavitt L. and Edith C. (Lochner) Akey. His parents preceded him in death.

He formerly was married to Lois Kimes.

Surviving are a son and his fiancee, Brent Akey and Cindy Jackson of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lona and Rich Lock of Albion, a grandson and wife, Denny and Angela Akey of Grabill; two great-grandsons, Trey and Dannon Akey; two brothers, Wilbur "Pete" Akey of St. Joe and Kenny Akey of South Carolina; and two sisters, Ilo Cadorette and Virginia Churchward, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Denny Akey Sr., on March 19, 1996; three brothers, Wayne, Walter and Marion Akey; and a sister, Georgia Akey.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. The family requests casual attire at the services. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Freada Atkins

ANGOLA — Freada M. Smith Atkins, 81, of Angola died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Atkins was born Nov. 17, 1922, in Steuben County, to Charles and Isdore (Collins) Pairan. She worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for seven years, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Angola and Ashley Chapter No. 229 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two sons, Steven A. Smith of Hudson and Stuart D. Smith of Albion; two daughters, Sharon L. Woodward of Garrett and Sandra K. Smith of Hudson; two brothers, Archie Pairan of Orland and Lyle Pairan of Oregon; three sisters, Sarah Bowerman, Violet Gibson and Vera Teller, all of Angola; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Smith; her second husband, Ronald Atkins; and a brother, Robert Pairan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Martha Hull

COLUMBUS — Martha Jane Hull, 70, of Columbus, died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Bloomington.

Mrs. Hull was born in Columbus to Wayne and Margaret (Patton) Reeves.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Reeves of Columbus; a son, David M. Hull of Columbus; a daughter, Susan D. Jones of Columbus; a stepbrother, Dean Patton of Idaho; two half-brothers, Robert and Richard Reeves, both of Columbus; a sister, Shirley McNeish of Angola; two half-sisters, Sharon Collins of Columbus and Wanda Boblit of Kentucky; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Teresa L. Baker; a half-sister, Bernice Reeves; and three half-brothers, Kenneth, Earl and Donald Reeves.

Services will be at noon Friday at Vernon Jewell-Nick Rittman Funeral Home, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert Reeves officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

D. Lyle Adams

CHURUBUSCO — D. Lyle Adams, 66, of Churubusco died at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at The Oaks Nursing Center in Columbia City.

Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams was a retired dairy farmer and school bus driver for Northwest Allen County Schools.

He was born Sept. 12, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Maurice James and Blanche May (Remely) Adams. On March 24, 1962, in Ari, he married Dorothy Arlene McCoy. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Sherri Adams, Rod and Pam Adams and Scott and Sheila Adams, all of Churubusco; a sister, Annalee Fulk of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Kyle Knott, Tasha Knott, Kristi Adams and Hannah Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Eugene Adams and Dale Adams; and a granddaughter, Abigail S. Adams.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubuso with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ari Church of God, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church or The Chapel.

Alice Elliott

HOWE — Alice M. Elliott, 82, of Howe died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Elliott was a homemaker and assisted her husband with the family farm and trucking business. She was a lifetime resident of the Orland and Howe communities.

Mrs. Elliott was a member of Orland Congregational Church and a 50-year member of the Ashley Chapter 229 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 15, 1922, in Orland to Frederick P. and Helen (Lincoln) Booth. On Dec. 26, 1944, in Sturgis, Mich., she married Sherrel M. Elliott. He died Aug. 31, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Gene A. Elliott of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Wynn Elliott of Spicer, Minn.; a sister-in-law, Lois Booth of Orland; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lincoln Booth and Frederick Booth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church or the donor's choice.

Pauline Delanoy

ALBION — Pauline Delanoy, 81, of rural Albion died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne where she had been a resident three years.

Mrs. Delanoy

She was the founding cafeteria director of the former Green Center Elementary School where she worked for eight years. She also did domestic work and baby-sitting.

Mrs. Delanoy was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

She was born Jan. 12, 1923, in York Township in Noble County to Ebony and Ada (Haney) Bair. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941. On Nov. 29, 1941, she married Robert O. Delanoy at the home of her parents. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale E. and Darlene Delanoy of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie and Don Sheckler of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Lynn E. and Anita Bair of Churubusco; two sisters, Nora Jane Bair of Churubusco and Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph L. Bair on Jan. 17, 2003, and Paul Bair Sr. on Nov. 26, 2003, and a son-in-law, Willard A. "Bill" Foote on July 3, 2001.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Video Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Danita Fleck

ROME CITY — Danita E. Fleck, 83, of Rome City died at her home Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Harold Ely

BUTLER — A memorial service for Harold J. "Barney" Ely, 77, of Butler and formerly of Avilla, will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Mr. Ely died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Butler.

This obituary is being republished to correct information on service times originally provided by the funeral home.

Charlotte Mead

AUBURN — Charlotte L. Mead, 73, of Auburn died at 7:39 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mead

She was a machine operator at Electric Motors Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1993. She had lived in Auburn for the past four years and in Garrett and Auburn for the past 24 years.

Born July 20, 1930, in Angola, she was the daughter of Charles W. and Flossie Mae (Nickel) Carrick.

Surviving are four daughters, Paula Hughes of Kansas City, Mo., Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, Mary Sherwood of Michigan City and Pam Miller of Avilla; four sons, Bob Woodward of Garrett, Randy Emerick of Orland, Bill Mead of Louisberg, Ky., and Michael Mead of Auburn; two sisters, Willma Mae "June" Kaley of Phoenix and Clara Bontriger of Hillsdale, Mich.; a brother, Solomon "Bud" Carrick of Auburn; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Whitt.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.ne

Joan Brames

FORT WAYNE — Joan C. Brames, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

Mrs. Brames was born in Fort Wayne to Frank and Caroline Van Allen. She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending her summers at Lake James, boating and being with her grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Richard L. of Fort Wayne; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Kevin Hieber of Grabill, Annette and Jeff Buzzard of New Haven, Carolyn and Andy Fultz of Angola and Susan and David Rodenbeck of Grabill; a son, Mike D. Brames of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Laura Van Allen of New Haven; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jackie Van Allen; and a grandson, Jerry Henderson II.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m., and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or League for the Blind and Disabled.

Delbert Cope

ANGOLA — Delbert D. Cope, 75, of Angola died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cope was born July 20, 1928, in Steuben County, to Andrew and Lela (Enger) Cope. He married Betty Cope in Angola on June 7, 1947. She survives.

He worked at Pet Milk and retired in 1988. He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Gerald Cope of Angola; a daughter, Cynthia "Sam" Junot of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynda Brandanger, on Jan. 10, 2004; five brothers, Gene, Benny, Tommy, Bill and Jack Cope; and six sisters, Emily Parrish, June Zimmerman, Marge Morris, Katherine Grider, Clara Mullins and Beulah Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Nina O'Keefe

HAMILTON — Nina Jean O'Keefe, 43, of Hamilton died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. O'Keefe was born April 17, 1961, in Anaheim, Calif., to Frank and Janet Evelyn (Goree) Gammel. She was married to Robert O'Keefe on Nov. 2, 1980, and he survives.

She was a homemaker. She was an active member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, and has been very involved with sports at Hamilton schools and her children's activities. She was involved with the March of Dimes and various community fund-raising events.

Surviving are her mother, Janet Gammel of Angola; two sons, Christopher and Kevin O'Keefe, both of Hamilton; two daughters, Jennifer O'Keefe of Fort Wayne and Mellisa Willibey of Butler; a granddaughter, Kayla Willibey; two brothers, Michael Gammel of Marina Valley, Calif., and Jeffery Gammel of Angola; and a sister, Sheryl Gammel of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Saturday, June 19, 2004

Naomi Miller

GOSHEN — Naomi D. Miller, 50, of Goshen died Friday, June 18, 2004, at 12:20 p.m. in Goshen Hospital after a year-long illness.

Mrs. Miller was the secretary for Hoosier Interior Door in Goshen and housekeeper for Cancer Care Home in Goshen. She was a member of Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

She had lived in the Goshen area for 22 years.

She was born Sept. 29, 1953, in Dover, Del., to Dan A. and Malinda A. (Miller) Yoder. Her mother preceded her in death. Her father survives in Crab Orchard, Ky.

On Nov. 11, 1971, she married Yost Miller. He survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jay Dee and Rosetta Hochstetler of Millersburg and Ryan and Crystal Miller of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Merlin and Lila Miller and Kevin and Treva Miller, all of Goshen; five sisters and brothers-in-law, John and Mattie Miller of Dover, Del., Andy and Mary Miller of Peebles, Ohio, and David and Lena Troyer, Henry and Melinda Miller and Allen and Sadie Byler, all of Crab Orchard, Ky.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ammon and Ida Mae Yoder of Gradyville, Ky., Calvin and Rosa Yoder of Dover, Del., and John and Jeannie Yoder of Reading, Pa.; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Beachy, and a stillborn child.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Fair Haven Mennonite Church, 13513 S.R. 4, east of Goshen. Bishop Wilbur L. Yoder and the Revs. Dan B. Miller and Harvey J. A. Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Jerry Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jerry Alan Shull, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Shull was employed for 25 years at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Edgerton, Ohio. He was an avid bowler and was a drag race car driver and owner for 34 years. He was the runner-up at the Indianapolis Raceway Park ET Bracket Finals in 1984.

Mr. Shull served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Antwerp High School.

He was born Sept. 27, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Donald M. and Genevive (Happel) Shull.

He married Marolyn Knight in 1968 and she survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are his parents, Don and Beverly Shull of Antwerp; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Charlene of Hicksville, Jason and Becky of Avilla and John and Amber of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Chandra, Jeremiah, Shawn, Jeff, Paul, Robbie, Jared, Mackinzie and Olivia; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dick of Antwerp, Jim of Bryan, Ohio, Mark and Maggie of Defiance, Ohio, and Greg and Alice of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Creasey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cathy and Earl of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Genevive, and his grandparents.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. Indiana time at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors will be provided by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Calling will be today and Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Indiana time each day at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Danita Fleck

ROME CITY — Danita Earlene Fleck, 83, of Rome City died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at 3 p.m. at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Fleck was a farmer's wife and worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for about five years during World War II.

She had lived on Latta Lake since she was 8 years old.

She was born April 25, 1921, in LaGrange County to Jess Earl and Cora Edna (Butler) Adams.

On Feb. 2, 1948, in Arcola, she married Norman R. Fleck. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Allen of L'Anse, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence "Larry" and Carmen Fleck and Raymond "Jess" and Edna Fleck, all of Rome City; and three grandchildren, Amy and Aaron Allen and Daniel Fleck.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, John Adams.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Brady Shively

AUBURN — Infant Brady Shively was stillborn Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at 7:35 a.m. at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Matt and Krissy Shively of Auburn; a brother, Bryce Shively at home; grandparents Paul and Becky Omo of Harlan, Bill and Linda Wagler of Hicksville, Ohio, and Steve Shively of Fort Wayne; and great-grandparents, George and Jean Omo of Harlan and Gerald and Anita Pensinger of Albion.

Graveside services will be at noon today in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Arrangements are by the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Helen Crider

LAGRANGE — Helen D. Crider, 79, of LaGrange died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was retired from Essex Wire Corp. and had lived in the LaGrange community since the 1950s.

She was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Huntington to Harley and Alta (Line) Davis. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a companion, J.R. Wegener of LaGrange; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Kenneth Jones of Topeka and Susan Koelling of Pittsburg, Calif.; two brothers, Herbert C. Davis of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Russell Davis of Oregon; a sister, Ruth Wood of Southport, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Joe Linton, and a brother, Jim Davis.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. The Rev. Joseph R. Brickey will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Reuah Davis

AUBURN — Reuah S. Davis, 103, of Auburn, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Davis worked in the cafeteria of the Waterloo schools for 37 years before retiring in 1980. She co-owned and operated the Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo from 1938 to 1944.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Ashley-Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge, White Shrine and the DeKalb County Democrats Ladies Club, and she served as a Democrat precint committeeman for 30 years.

She was born July 24, 1900, in Waterloo to Frank O. and Clara (Stomm) Lees.

She married Rollin Bixler in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1953. She then married Dale Davis in 1962, and he survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Judith Ann and David Capp of Butler; one sister, Ruby Emmite of Florida; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are two sisters, Verna Blanch Lees and Marie Rose; one son, Richard Edward Bixler; and one grandson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or Lakewood Christian School or Cornerstone Christian School.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Clyde James

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clyde A. James, 72, of Wolcottville, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at his residence on the James Century Farm.

Mr. James was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County and was employed for the past 20 years at the Turkey Lake Tavern in Stroh as the company's maintenance engineer. Prior to that, he worked at Truehaul Trailer in Fort Wayne and Kehr Iron Works in LaGrange and farmed the family homestead established in 1830.

He was active in the FFA and 4-H during his youth and a 1950 graduate of Kendallville High School. He enjoyed designing and racing go-carts, playing the guitar and traveling in the West. He was a direct descendant of Jesse James and former President Millard Fillmore.

He was born March 21, 1932, in Milford Township to John and Retha (Spearow) James.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dale and Betty A. Hoppensteadt of Winfield, Ill.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, David J. and Penny James of Albion; Dennis R. and Marie James of Oxford, N.J.; Jeffery A. James of Wolcottville; W. Michael and Karen James of Norman; Dr. Mark and Emily James of Bedford, Penn.; 12 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and his companion, Lois Davis of Stroh.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a graveside service immediately following at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Memorials to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange Branch.

Freeda Smolinski

KENDALLVILLE — Freeda Smolinski, 91, of Kendallville, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit in Kendallville. Arrangements are pending with Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Benjamin Hardesty

WOLCOTTVILLE — Benjamin Alexander Hardesty, infant, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview North in Fort Wayne.

He was born to Wendell and Bridget (Gotshall) Hardesty of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are grandparents, Larry and Sara Gotshall of Wolcottville and Ovie and Barbara Sizemore of Rome City; and great grandparents, Walter and Leona Meyer of South Bend and Dorothy Gotshall of West Unity, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Dan Baker will officiate.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

LaMar Haskins

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — LaMar J. Haskins, 83, of Okeechobee, Fla., and formerly of Hamilton, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in Okeechobee.

Mr. Haskins was a machine operator and a veteran.

He was born March 19, 1921, in Hamilton to Leon and Caro (Harger) Haskins.

He married LaDonna Miller 39 years ago, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jim Haskins of St. Louis; a daughter, Patricia Waters of Hamilton; two stepsons, Conrad Ruhl of Montgomery, Mich., and Thomas Ruhl of Angola; a brother, George Haskins of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County with burial to follow. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Alvin Marquis

ANGOLA — Alvin E. "Buss" Marquis, 71, of Angola, died Friday, June 18, 2004, in Angola.

Mr. Marquis was vice president of operations for the Lime-O-Sol Co. in Ashley.

He served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association; Popular Roto Craft Association in Coldwater, Mich.; AirCraft Owners and Pilots Association; and Tri State Hanger Association, where he was the secretary.

He was born March 13, 1933, in Peru to Alven U. and Mary (Baber) Marquis.

He married Charlene Sharp of Angola on Nov. 1, 1953, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Joni Marquis of Avon; a daughter, Susan Byrne of Angola; two brothers, Jerry Marquis of Peru and James Marquis of Plainfield; and three grandchildren, Scott, Todd and Tracy Byrne of Angola.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru. The Rev. Ronald Bowland will officiate. Burial will be at Everest Memorial Park in Logansport.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy.

Memorials to Grace Brethren Church in Peru.

Freeda Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Freeda B. Smolinske, 91, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mrs. Smolinske had been an inspector at Monsanto in Ligonier 20 years and an Avon representative.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived in Albion most of her life. She had resided in Kendallville the past six years.

Mrs. Smolinske was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed crocheting, fishing and following IU basketball.

She was born May 22, 1913, in Noble County the daughter of Charles L. and Mabel (Tyler) Emahiser. On Jan. 8, 1933, in Albion she married Harold V. Smolinske. He died Sept. 17, 1978.

Surviving are seven grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Ed Waldron, Steve and Donna Smolinske, Jim Smolinske, Darold and Candi Smolinske, Travis Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske and Matt Smolinske; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack Smolinske on Nov. 5, 1999; a granddaughter, Candi; two sisters, Maggie Allen and Evelyn Pforter; and a brother, Floyd Emahiser.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Leona Konger

FORT WAYNE — Leona M. Konger, 92, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 20, 2004.

Mrs. Konger had worked as a computer clerk for Kroger for 24 years, retiring in 1971.

She was a charter member of Queen of Angle Catholic Church.

Mrs. Konger was born Aug. 22, 1911, in Ege. She lived in Kendallville until her marriage to Thomas G. Konger April 12, 1934. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Konger of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Corene and Richard Rooney of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Taylor of Kendallville; a brother, Eugene Hornett of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angles Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with a rosary at 4 p.m. Prayers will be at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Queen of Angles Catholic Church.

Emy Klein

HUNTINGTON — Emy Lou Klein, 83, of Huntington died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was active at Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne, and was a Brownie and Cub Scout leader. She had taught Sunday school 12 years.

Mrs. Klein was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Hawthorne, N.J., to George Albert and Louise Margaret (Leschorn) Whitla.

She married Harry William Klein in Elkton, Md., on Jan. 26, 1942. He survives.

Other survivors are four sons, Harry Klein Jr., of Lima, Ohio, Gregory R. Klein of Fort Wayne, Dennis J. Klein of Huntington, and Robert E. Klein of Avon; a daughter, Kathy L. Bergdall of Leo-Cedarville; three sisters; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Wava Aughenbaugh

FREMONT — Wava I. Aughenbaugh, 84, of Fremont died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Aughenbaugh was born April 14, 1920, in Edgerton, Ohio. She was a supervisor at General Electric for 36 years. She was a graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and a life member of the Elex Club at General Electric.

Surviving are her companion, Joseph Schneider of Fremont; a stepson, Phillip E. Aughenbaugh of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Shirley Mowry of Angola; five grandchildren, Tom Aughenbaugh, Denise Aughenbaugh, Coleen Fritsch, Marie Comparet and Joan Aughenbaugh, all of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Aughenbaugh; a stepson, John Aughenbaugh, and a granddaughter, Lou Ann Jackson.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Floyd Creecy

AUBURN — Floyd Clifford Creecy, 69, of Auburn died Sunday at Naples Community Hospital, Naples, Fla.

Services are pending at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Jerry Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jerry Alan Shull, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Shull was employed for 25 years at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Edgerton, Ohio. He was an avid bowler and was a drag race car driver and owner for 34 years. He was the runner-up at the Indianapolis Raceway Park ET Bracket Finals in 1984.

Mr. Shull served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Antwerp High School.

He was born Sept. 27, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Donald M. and Genevive (Happel) Shull.

He married Marolyn Knight in 1968 and she survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are his parents, Don and Beverly Shull of Antwerp; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Charlene of Hicksville, Jason and Becky of Avilla and John and Amber of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Chandra, Jeremiah, Shawn, Jeff, Paul, Robbie, Jared, Mackinzie and Olivia; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dick of Antwerp, Jim of Bryan, Ohio, Mark and Maggie of Defiance, Ohio, and Greg and Alice of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Creasey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cathy and Earl Hamil of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Genevive, and his grandparents.

Services were today at 1 p.m. Indiana time at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors will be provided by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

John Powell

CHURUBUSCO — John Paul Powell, 71, of Churubusco died at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 2004, in Syracuse.

Mr. Powell was a retired mechanic for Omnisource.

He enjoyed woodworking and pitching horseshoes.

Mr. Powell was born July 5, 1932, in Churubusco the son of John A. and Iva (McCullough) Powell. On June 7, 1952, he married Shirley Ann Miller. She died in 1993.

Surviving are a close friend, Mary Eyester of Hamilton; four daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Ronnie Spranger of North Webster, Nancy and Brian Burkey of Fort Wayne, and Linda and Mark Mallane and Mary and Jack Harvey, all of Syracuse; a son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Carla Powell of Reelsville, Ind.; five sisters, Audra Hatch and Janet Bianski, both of Churubusco, Nancy Derrow of Hamilton, Ellie Richeson of Garberville, Calif., and Rita Rowe of Avilla; his mother-in-law, Mary Mae Shultz of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Alice Kirkpatrick and Marjory White; and a grandson, John Paul Mallane on July 13, 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Steven Kaehr officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the JP Memorial Scholarship in care of Key Bank.

Russell Griffus Jr.

LAGRANGE — Russell Griffus Jr., 75, of LaGrange died at noon Monday, June 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffus had moved to LaGrange in 1983 from Minnesota. He was retired from Harris-Kayot.

He was a lifetime member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the Sturgis, Mich., VFW Post.

He was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Brant, Mich., the son of Dorothy (Dennis) and Russell E. Griffus Sr. On Nov. 16, 1992, in LaGrange he married Doris A. Steinborn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy Riley of Essexville, Mich., and Tina Hearst of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; four sons, Russell Kim Griffus III of Big Rapids, Mich., Paul Griffus of Bay City, Mich., Michael Griffus of Washington, and John Griffus of St. Charles, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and George Ickes of St. Charles; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Robert E. Griffus.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with graveside services by the LaGrange American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 215 Memorial Fund.

Neal Miller

LIGONIER — Neal A. "Nealy" Miller, 79, of Ligonier died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had worked at Gerring Industries in Shipshewana.

He was a member of Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church and had volunteered for Christian Aid Ministries.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Kokomo the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Troyer) Miller. On Dec. 4, 1947, in Nappanee he married Emma Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Arlene and Marvin Hochstetler of Topeka, Ann Miller of Ligonier, Esther and Loren Graber of Nappanee and Carolyn and Leon Kaufman of Etna Green; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Cindy Miller of Carmel and Glen and Bonnie Miller of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Milo Hochstedler of Kokomo; a brother, Owen Miller of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stillborn son; two brothers, Eli Miller and Levi Miller; and a sister, Christine Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church with Bishop Elmer Miller and Mr. Miller's son-in-law, Bishop Loren Graber, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospice or Family Nursing Services of Warsaw.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Monica Reed

WATERLOO — Monica J. Reed, 43 died Monday, June 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had resided in DeKalb County for the past 10 years and was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

She was born April 30, 1961, in Fort Wayne to James and Wanda Lillich. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in St. Cloud, Fla.

Also surviving are her husband of 25 years, Jerry L. Reed; a son, Travis; a daughter, Stacey; two grandchildren, Sierra and Tyler; and three sisters, Margaret of Florida, Kathy of West Virginia and Elizabeth of Michigan.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Feller Funeral Home to help defray funeral costs.

Robert Rex

GARRETT — Robert F. Rex, 77, of Garrett died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at 4:52 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rex was a salesman for LaSalle Liquors in South Bend and Fort Wayne Liquors in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion. He had lived in Garrett for 48 years.

He was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Butler, to Fred and Elizabeth (Ridenour) Rex and they are deceased.

He married Kathryn Newbauer Schaab on Aug. 10, 1958, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Mandick of Tucson, Ariz., and Lisa Davis of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and the Tom Wolpert family, whom he called his adopted family.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with the Rev. Thom Lombardi and the Rev. Jim Shafer officiating.

Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Shane Mettler

BLUFFTON — Shane A. Mettler, 31, of Bluffton died Monday, June 21, 2004, in LaGrange.

Mr. Mettler, a father of three, lived most of his life in Wells County where he graduated from Bluffton High School in 1992.

For the last nine years, he worked for Coca-Cola Co. in Fort Wayne and most recently as the company's home market account manager.

A sports enthusiast, Mr. Mettler was active in basketball and softball.

He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

He was born to William R. Mettler of Bluffton and Shirley A. Swinford of Fort Wayne on March 13, 1973.

He is survived by his parents; a stepmother, Janis S. Mettler of Bluffton; two sons and a daughter in Bluffton, Trey A., Peyton A. and Kiersten J. Mettler; his grandparents James and Martha Lehman of Bluffton and Homer and Helen Bates of Ossian; a brother, Shawn M. Mettler of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Marci S.I. Mettler of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Virginia Mettler.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with the Revs. Gary Lewis and Bruce Holland officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Benjamen Hardesty

WOLCOTTVILLE — Benjamen Alexander Hardesty of Wolcottville was stillborn Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview North in Fort Wayne.

His parents are Wendell and Bridget (Gotshall) Hardesty of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are grandparents, Larry and Sara Gotshall of Wolcottville and Ovie and Barbara Sizemore of Rome City; and great grandparents, Walter and Leona Meyer of South Bend and Dorothy Gotshall of West Unity, Ohio.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Dr. Dan Baker will officiate.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Helen Rodeffer

AUBURN — Helen R. Rodeffer, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Gaston, Ind., Mrs. Rodeffer was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Rodeffer of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Helen Rodeffer of Lountville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Jim" Rodeffer in 1979.

Graveside services will be Saturday, July 17, 2004 at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Cogan

AVILLA — Betty June Cogan, 78, of Avilla died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cogan was a member of Rehobeth Church near Albion. Rehobeth Ladies Aid and served as a Jefferson Township election precinct volunteer.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, doing embroidery and caring for her great-grandson.

She was born June 6, 1926, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, the daughter of Cullen and Mary (Fulton) Prouty. On Oct. 30, 1942, she married Elton B. Cogan. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Bill Lovett of Kendallville and Tammie and Mark Hiatt of Henryetta, Okla.; three granddaughters, Tiffany Lovett of Mongo, Heather Keipper of Rome City, and Kallie McGuire of Henryetta; and a grandson, Leyton Keipper of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Prouty; and a sister, Donnabelle Forker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Stella Mazur

ROME CITY — Stella M. Mazur, 85, of Rome City and formerly of Whiting died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville Nursing Home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mazur was active in civic affairs in Whiting and a long standing member and officer of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion in Whiting. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientists.

She was born April 7, 1919, in St. Joseph, Ark., the daughter of John J. and Ova K. Miller.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Jim Jeffress of Lake Station; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Lisa Mazur of Rome City; five grandchildren, Dawn Klemoff of Valparaiso, Michelle Henson of Lake Station, Christian Mazur of Lafayette, Amanda Mazur of Atlanta, Ga., and Lauren Mazur of Cleveland, Ohio; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Mazur; a daughter, Lynda Mazur; and two sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Ave., Portage, Ind., with reader George Litzkow officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Portage.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Hickory Creek of Kendallville Nursing Home, or the donor's choice.

Richard Nier

ANGOLA — Richard D. Nier, 60, of Angola died Monday, June 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nier moved to Angola from South Bend in 1965. He was born July 22, 1943, in Utica, N.Y., to Robert L. and Delight E. (Rahn) Nier Sr. He was married Dec. 11, 1965, to Jan Cook, and she survives.

He was veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a welder for LaGrange Products in Fremont.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He graduated from Clay High School in South Bend, and attended Tri-State University for three years.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Jeana Nier of Louisville, Ky. and Michael and Alexis Nier of Fond du Lac, Wis.; and a brother, Robert L. Nier Jr. of Clinton, Tenn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and an hour before services on Thursday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Military graveside services will be conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Dennis Bennett

HAMILTON — Dennis R. "Butch" Bennett, 66, of Hamilton died Monday, June 21, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Bennett was born Aug. 28, 1937, in Haviland, Ohio, to Doven Maxwell "Max" and Jenny Pauline (Cavinder) Bennett. He was married to Jo Ann Slusser on Nov. 17, 1962, and she survives.

He retired after 30 years of service as a machinist from Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne. He attended Hamilton Wesleyan Church in Hamilton, and had served in the U.S. Army.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sherry Adkins of Broughton, Ohio and Bernadette Bennett of Grover Hill, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mitch and Michele Bennett of Grover Hill and Mike and Tara Bennett of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Rose Bennett of Payne, Ohio; a stepbrother and stepsister-in-law, Devon Joe and Theresa Lehman of Haviland; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Garnet Roush of Wadsworth, Ohio, Delores Gosik of Clyde, Ohio and D'Nell and Paul Edwards of Haviland; a stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Darlene and Fred Stroman of Fresno, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time on Friday at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Dave Leitzel officiating. Calling is 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Thursday.

Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, with military graveside rites conducted by members of the Van Wert American Legion and VFW posts.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Lloyd Isenbarger

BUTLER — Lloyd Isenbarger, 91, of Butler died Monday, June 21, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

A native of Hanover, Ohio, he was a farmer and a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the Newville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 31, 1912, to Jesse D. and Emma Jane (Whitacre) Isenbarger.

Surviving are several neices and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Vernon Isenbarger; and sisters Velma Cook, Lillian Ross and Mary Schuchart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Newville United Methodist Church.

Cleo Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo "Bud" Campbell, 91, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Floyd Creecy

AUBURN — Floyd Clifford Creecy, 69, of Auburn died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Naples Community Hospital in Naples, Fla.

He was a buyer for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Auburn Moose and Auburn Elks, a member of the Fort Wayne Purchasing Association, a member and past chairman of the board of directors and an elder of the Christian Men's Fellowship of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Auburn.

He was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Estes Park, Colo., to Forrest and Helen (Hammonds) Creecy.

On May 25, 1979, in Wabash, he married Carol (Clark) Creecy. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steve Creecy of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Tim Wappes of Edon, Ohio; one stepson and his wife, David and Tina Clark of Jacksonville, Fla; a stepdaughter and her husband, Donna and Tony Pulley of Wabash; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorma and Dick Grossnickle of Apache Junction, Ariz., Maxine and Vern Pratt of Wabash, and Carolyn and Loyd Baker of Ortonville, Minn; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

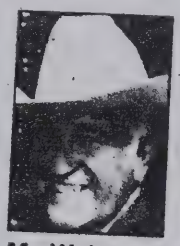
Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Charles Walter

KENDALLVILLE — Charles A. "Buzz" Walter, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada for 35 years judging six different breeds of horses and was highly respected in horse associations.

For 36 years he delivered gas and oil for Sinclair and Marathon Oil in Noble County and the surrounding area before retiring in 1991.

He was a 42-year member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was an active leader for many years in the Noble County 4-H program and involved in the East Noble Basketball Boosters in the 1970s.

Mr. Walter was born Oct. 23, 1931, in Kendallville the son of Charles Trevor and Norma Roxanne (Miller) Walter. He was a 1951 Kendallville High School graduate. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean War.

In June 1957, he married Janice Irene Owen. She died May 12, 1979. He then married Patricia Mae (Schroeder) Godsell on July 3, 1980. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Carl Griffiths of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Chris Walter of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Dan and Sue Godsell of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jean Getts of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joel Walter; a granddaughter, Emily Griffiths; and a stepgrandaughter, Angie Miller.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Charles A. Walter II in 1989; a stepdaughter, Cindy Davis in 2002; a stepgrandson, Donald Ray Davis in 1981; and a brother, Trevor "Bud" Walter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 86 or the American Cancer Society Noble County Chapter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com. CHARLES

Carol Trussel

FORT WAYNE — Carol A. (Shilling) Trussell, 57, died at 4:01 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2004 in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a social worker, and worked for Your Friends and Neighbors. She had lived in Fort Wayne for 14 years.

Born May 6, 1947, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Roy E. and Betty C. (Treesh) Shilling. Her father survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her life partner, Chuck Ambler of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Richard Shilling of Garrett and Allen Shilling and Jeffrey Shilling, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Nancy Hensinger of Cree Lake, Laura Klotz of Churubusco, and Arlene Carper of Fort Wayne.

Her mother and a son, Christopher Shilling, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett, with Richard Shilling officiating.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Patricia Volkert

FORT WAYNE — Patricia Jane Volkert, 61, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at her home.

A native of Hamilton, she worked for Alliance Property Mangement and General Electric for 17 years.

She was a member of the Elex Club and Local 901 IUE. She had 18 years of sobriety and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting, bowling and crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her companion, Edward Dejarnet; two sons, Kenneth Paul Johnston of Carlisle and Michael Dean Johnston of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl Lynn Elkins and Dannie Woods of Cromwell, Micki Francine Tracey of Cromwell and Kimberly Rene Johnston of Syracuse; seven sisters, Florence Bivens of Sarasota, Fla., Laura Pavao of Pensacola, Fla., Luella Sue Miller of Ashley, Lois Westfall of Pleasant Lake, Mary Ellen DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth Alison of McNeil, Miss., and Sarah Hawk of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Dwight Hall of Auburn, John Lautzenhiser, David Lautzenhiser of Glen Falls, Va., Sam Lautzenhiser of Avilla, and Tom Lautzenhiser of Huntington; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Arthur Lautzenhiser.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Dick Niles officiating.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Paul Gerig

FORT WAYNE — Paul A. Gerig, 84, died Tuesday morning, June 22, 2004, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gerig

Mr. Gerig worked at Fruehauf Manufacturing in Fort Wayne for 36 years, retiring in 1981. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving during World War II. He was a member of Harvester Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

He loved to travel and do woodworking. He also was an amateur historian, writing about himself and his family during the Depression, and had a lot of memoirs.

He was born June 28, 1919, in DeKalb County, the son of Menno and Zula (Sponhower) Gerig.

On June 29, 1946, he married Mary Wilson in Leyland, England. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Jim Byers of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his wife, Jonathan and Diane Byers of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter and her husband, Jeannie Baker and Major Steven Baker of Ramstein, Germany; two brothers, the Rev. Dale Gerig of Sturgis, Mich., and Dr. Zenas Gerig of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two sisters, Lois Hetmansperger of Auburn and Ruth Imler of Citrus Heights, Calif.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday from from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harvester Missionary Church or Youth for Christ in Sturgis, Mich.

PAUL GERIG

Walter Fee

FALL CREEK, Wis. — Walter R. Fee, 101, of Fall Creek, Wis., died Wednesday, April 23, 2004, at his daughter's home in Fall Creek.

In 1967, Mr. Fee retired from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., after 32 years of service. He joined the history faculty at MSU in 1935. During his tenure he taught Far Eastern history, directed the Asian Institute, served as acting dean of the Basic College and from 1945 to 1967 was the chair of the history and social studies departments. Prior to 1935, he had taught in Indiana, Greenville, Pa., and New York City.

He was very involved with international students, and several Japanese students lived with the Fees while attending college. He was active in the community and his church, where he served as an elder. He often gave talks to civic groups on foreign affairs and the need for tolerance and understanding.

Mr. Fee traveled frequently to Asia and after retirement, he taught for three years at Silliman University in the Philippines, where he was given an honorary doctorate degree in Asian Studies. In 1975, Mr. Fee moved to Traverse City, Mich., and had spent his summers at his home south of Leland, Mich.

He enjoyed music, conversation with his friends and family and growing roses on the Lake Michigan sand dunes. He shared his wonderful sense of humor and his interest in travel and reading with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He attended Indiana University, the University of Pittsburgh and received a Ph.D. at Columbia University. He graduated from Metz High School in 1920.

He was born Oct. 29, 1902, in DeKalb County to Shirley and Alma Irene Fee and spent his early life on the family farm.

On Dec. 28, 1928, he married his high school sweetheart, Violet Enterline. They were married for 67 years. She preceded him in death in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Robert Elliott of Fall Creek, Wis.; two grandchildren and their spouses, Robert and Colleen Elliott of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., and Gwen and Ron Shavalier of Jenison, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren, Megan and Tess Shavalier and Erik Fee Elliott.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton Cemetery with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

There will be no calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, is handling arrangements.

Robert Millican

BLOOMINGTON — Robert James Millican, 61, of Bloomington died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, while playing tennis at the Bloomington YMCA.

Mr. Millican was born June 5, 1943, to Robert and Lucile Millican. His wife, Kathie, an Angola native, survives.

He was the principal broker at Millican Realty in Bloomington, and graduated from Butler University in 1965. He grew up in Hanover, and lived in that area with his wife and children before moving to Bloomington in the early 1980s.

He enjoyed outdoor hobbies such as fishing, hunting, hiking and mushroom hunting. He played basketball at the "Y" almost every day.

Also surviving are a son, Jason; a daughter, Anna; a grandson, Nathan; his mother, Lucile; a sister, Betty; three nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bloomington, with Dave Horn officiating.

Memorials are to the Bloomington YMCA.

Karen Dreibelbis

ALBION — Karen A. Dreibelbis, 58, of Albion died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Dreibelbis was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville, the Albion Lions Club, the Euchre Club and the Thursday Night Women's Bowling League at the Albion Bowl.

Mrs. Dreibelbis loved gardening, bowling, baby-sitting and flowers.

She was born Dec. 11, 1945, in Kendallville the daughter of Phil and Mary Lou (DuBois) Norris. Her father survives in Albion and her mother is deceased. On Aug. 29, 1964, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion she married Duane A. Dreibelbis. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karman D. and Kenny Cornwell of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin D. and Laura Dreibelbis of Albion; a sister, Deb Weidenhamer of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Marc and Jan Norris of Albion and Scott and Janet Norris of Syracuse; and three grandchildren, Kaleigh and Kendra Cornwell and Aidan Dreibelbis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Bud Campbell

KENDALLVILLE -- Former longtime Kendallville businessman Cleo A. "Bud" Campbell, 91, died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell was the sole proprietor of the Kendallville Bowling Center from 1953 to 1980. Prior to moving to Kendallville in 1953, he had operated the Auburn Recreation and Bowling Center.

He was a lifetime member of more than 60 years of the Kendallville Moose Lodge No. 1301, a life member of Elks Lodge No. 1194, and member of the Sons of the Legion at American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell had served 19 years as past president of the Kendallville Bowling Association. He served on the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years in the 1940s and 1950s.

He was a 1930 graduate of LaOtto High School and at one time attended Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

He was born July 1, 1912, in LaOtto the son of George S. and Pearl (Brown) Campbell. On June 18, 1933, in Avilla he married Maxine Shutt. She died June 23, 1980. His companion of more than 20 years, Maxine Brunkhart, died in October 2001.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Carol Campbell of Kendallville, Robert and Betty Campbell of Rome City and Jerry and Kristy Campbell of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and his companion and caregiver, Mary Kay Miller of Kendallville.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Nancy Campbell in June 1948; four sisters, Violet Ferrier, Marie Kent, Goldie Young and Hazel Balliet; a half brother, George August Campbell; and two half sisters, Isabell Hollis and Nora Campbell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery south of Garrett.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Kendallville Elks Lodge and Auburn Moose Lodge services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Friday. The Sons of the American Legion Post 86 will do a walk-through at the funeral home at 7 p.m.

Memorials are the Kendallville Youth Bowling Association.

Condolence may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Martha Hull

COLUMBUS — Martha Jane Hull, 70, of Columbus died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Bloomington.

Mrs. Hull was born in Columbus to Wayne and Margaret (Patton) Reeves. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Patton of Columbus; a son, David Hull of Columbus; a daughter, Susan Jones of Columbus; a brother, M. Dean Patton of Idaho; two sisters, Sharon Collins of Columbus and Shirley Faye McNeish of Fremont; two half-brothers, the Rev. Robert Reeves and Richard Reeves, both of Columbus; a half-sister, Wanda Boblet of Kentucky; and six grandchildren, all of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Teresa L. Baker; a half-sister, Bernice Reeves; and three half-brothers, Kenneth, Earl and Donald Reeves.

Services were Friday at Vernon Jewell-Nick Rittman Funeral Home, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert Reeves officiating.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Howarth

CLEAR LAKE — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for William E. "Bill" Howarth.

Mr. Howarth died Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

Gerald Jacob

HOWE — Gerald R. "Jerry" Jacob, 88, of Howe and formerly of Wolcottville died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Jacob owned the Combined Agency of LaGrange insurance and real estate firm from 1956 to 1980. He had moved from Angola to Wolcottville in 1956 and from Wolcottville to Howe in January.

He was a member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

Mr. Jacob was born April 2, 1916, in Clayton, Mich., the son of Lloyd W. and Olive (Perkins) Jacob. On Nov. 28, 1946, in Angola he married Hilda M. Luce. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoAnn and Daniel Engber of Shipshewana and Jayne and W. Dennis Dervay of Mentor, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth and Harwood Darron of Jackson, Mich., and Dorothy Tubergen of Angola; two brothers, Gordon L. Jacob of Bradenton, Fla., and G. Wendell Jacob of Angola; three grandchildren, Jill and Tim Hostetler of Shipshewana, Julie Sherman of LaGrange and Apryl Dervay of Mentor; and two great-grandchildren, Halle Hostetler and Hope Hostetler, both of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Dwight Booher

MONTPELIER — Dwight L. Booher, 78, of Montpelier and Waldron Lake died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Booher was a retired Wells County farmer. He and his wife had also lived at Waldron Lake in Noble County the past 16 years where he sold used automobiles.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Jackson Township, Wells County. He loved fishing, goose hunting and moose hunting.

Mr. Booher was an avid Indiana Pacers and Indiana University fan.

He was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Wells County the son of Carl and Electra Rose (Ballinger) Booher. He graduated from Jackson Center High School in 1943. On Dec. 27, 1974, in Wells County he married June Brown. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Howard of Cleves, Ohio, and Sheila and Mike Moseley of Flower Mound, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Dixie Booher of Piketon, Ohio; three stepsons and their wives, Gary and Kay Stoffer of Van Buren, Larrie and Rhonda Stoffer of Warren, and Steven and Angela Stoffer of Hartford City; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Cathy and John Shaffer of Marion and Lorrie and Dick Arnold of Bluffton; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonnie and Bill Avery of Plainfield and LaVonne Brown of Montpelier; at stepbrother and his wife, Harold and Phyllis Stinson of Florida; three stepsisters, Hildred Foust of Montpelier, Virginia Leas of Hartford City and Doris Cline of Warren; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Booher; two stepbrothers, Forrest Stinson and Roger Stinson; and a stepsister, Esther Mann.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1100 S. — S.R. 3, Montpelier with the Rev. Eric Dubach and Pastor Steve Gray officiating. Burial will be in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the church and from 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Burden

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn W. Burden, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Burden was a Fort Wayne native and a homemaker.

She was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Walchle of Fort Wayne, Janice Pulver of Leo, and Joan Teeple of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Dennis Burden of Avilla; a brother, William Speck of Rome City; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Burden in 1982; a granddaughter, Denise Pulver-Lust; a sister, Mildred Waterman; and a brother, Joseph Speck.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or the Cancer Services of Allen County.

Dolores Kline

WAWAKA — Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

William Howarth

CLEAR LAKE — William E. "Bill" Howarth, 52, of Clear Lake died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Howarth was born May 21, 1952, in Providence, R.I., to George E. and Joan (Tourtellot) Howarth. He married Delores "Dee" Amstutz on July 10, 1976, in Butler. She survives.

He was a physical education teacher at Fremont Elementary School. He created "Bells and Slates," a history of the one-room schools in Steuben County, in coordination with the Steuben County Preservation Council.

He had served as an adjunct professor at Tri-State University for four years. He was also the first coach of the Fremont Invaders, a semi-professional football team. He had coached football, track and junior high golf.

He started his teaching career at Eastside Junior-Senior High School. He was active in Steuben County Community Theater, serving on the board of directors.

He graduated from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He received his master's degree from Ball State University in 1980.

Also surviving are a son, Tyler Howarth of Clear Lake; a daughter, Jaclyn Howarth of Clear Lake; and two brothers, Richard Howarth and Michael Howarth, both of North Scituate, R.I.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Peter Howarth.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse and the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation.

George Snellenberger

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Former Nevada Mills resident George A. Snellenberger, 48, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach.

Mr. Snellenberger was born June 20, 1956, to George Snellenberger and Gloria Elaine Stewart. He married Tania Mara DeSouza Araujo on June 13, 1988, in Delray Beach, Fla. She survives.

He was a horticultural specialist. He received national recognition for his outstanding contribution in the development of variations in exotic orchids.

He was a chef at a restaurant in the Palm Beach, Fla., area. He was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School and attended Tri-State University and Indiana University.

Also surviving are three sons, Tristen Allen and Thane Snellenberger, both of Boynton Beach, and Troy Allen Snellenberger of North Manchester; two granddaughters, Olivia and Kaitlyn Snellenberger; his father and stepmother, George and Kitty Snellenberger of Coldwater, Mich.; maternal grandmother, Winifred Stewart Bassett of Angola; a brother, Scott Snellenberger of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham and the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Angola.

Richard Traxler

AVILLA — Richard E. "Pappy" Traxler, 75, of Avilla died at 8:16 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been in declining healt for the past eight months.

Mr. Traxler had been a trucl driver for more than 46 years. He had served as a reserve Noble County sheriff's deputy at the Avilla Race Track.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean conflict. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla American Legion Post 240 and the Garrett chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Traxler enjoyed fishing and tilling and rolling lawns for Avilla residents. He had coached in the Community Baseball League when his son was young.

He was born Aug. 13, 1928, at the home of his parents, Howard and Frances (Lemper) Traxler, in Kendallville. On Sept. 27, 1958, in Ege he married Jean Schenher. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Traxler of Avilla; a daughter, Michele Traxler of Avilla; four brothers, Vincent Traxler of Goshen, Omer Traxler of Rome City, Jack H. Traxler of Avilla, and Harry Traxler of Huntertown; four sisters, Eulalia Ellert of Waterloo, Thelma Buchs of Hamilton, Lois Remke of Avilla, and Lorraine Weaver of Avilla; and five grandchildren, Brooke, Wyatt, Aaron, Alec and Alana Traxler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Traxler, on April 11, 1963.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Church in Ege with military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Calling also one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice and to Masses.

James E. Lothamer

FREMONT — James Erwin Lothamer, 57, of Fremont, died Friday, June 25, 2004, in Fremont.

He was born to Joseph and Ona (Boone) Lothamer-Shoemaker on Nov. 25, 1946. He married Shirley P. (Ansley) Landis on July 24, 1993, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Lothamer spent most of his adult life as a factory worker, and worked at General Products for the last 11 years. He also worked at Acorn Components in Quincy and Coldwater, Mich., for 28 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Jammie and Eric North, Ionia, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lanean and Marvin Dyer, Coldwater, and Rhea Lynn and Joseph Papenbrock, Fremont; four stepsons and their spouses, Richard Lutz of Coldwater and Nathan Landis and Kevin and Kim Landis, all of Fremont, and Steve and Sarah Landis of Orland; five sisters, MaryAnn Flynn of Burlington, Mich., Betty Lou Bean of Quincy, Shirley Licht and Linda Clark, both of Coldwater, and Teresa Benjamin of Allen, Mich.; three brothers, Floyd Lothamer of Quincy, Donald Lothamer of Hillsdale, Mich., and David Lothamer of Justin, Texas; 25 stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-granchildren.

Mr. Lothamer

In addition to his first wife of 20 years, Karen Burkett, and his parents, four brothers, Charles, Robert, Edward and Alfred Lothamer, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp and Kevin Landis officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Polly A. Miller

LAGRANGE — Polly A. Miller, 96, of LaGrange, died Friday, June 25, 2004, at her residence.

She was born to Abraham and Lydia (Miller) Yoder on Feb. 16, 1908, in LaGrange County. She married Clarence A. Miller on Feb. 27, 1930, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1991.

She was a homemaker, a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mattie and Amos Bontrager, LaGrange, and Ada and Clarence Hochstetler, Holland, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Elmer and Katie Miller, LaGrange, and Menno and Edna Miller, Hale, Mich.; 53 grandchildren; 298 great-grandchildren; 47 great-great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; 66 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 32 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, a grandchild, four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Amos Bontrager residence, 1915 W. C.R. 100S, LaGrange, with Bishop John Beechy and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Bontrager residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy G. Tatman

AVILLA — Dorothy Gertrude Tatman, 88, of Avilla, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

On Jan. 15, 1916, in Huntertown, she was born to Charles A. and Carrie L. (Foss) Rondot. On Nov. 17, 1934, in Fort Wayne, she married Clarence W. Tatman. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1980.

She was a homemaker. She lived at Provena Sacred Heart Home for seven years, having spent most of her life in Rome City.

Mrs. Tatman

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Robert Richards, Churubusco; five sons and four daughters-in-law, James C. and Judy Tatman of San Jacinto, Calif., Daniel and Barb Tatman of Rome City, Steven A. and Dinah Tatman of Harlan, Joseph E. and Kim Tatman of Marietta, Ga., and William C. Tatman; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Frances Rondot, Cranston, R.I.; a sister, Charleen Bauman of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, two sisters, Julie Widner and Ruth Wilke, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday with a Rosary service at 6:30 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Larry E. Wallace

ELKHART — Larry Eugene Wallace Sr., 64, of Elkhart, died at 6:58 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Hospice House, Roseland.

He was born to Basil and Mary (Boyd) Wallace in LaGrange County on July 28, 1908.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Lana Wallace Jr. of Westfield and Basil Wallace of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Yulonda and Louis Zaragoza of Elkhart; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Linda Wallace of Goshen and Don and Karen Wallace and James Wallace, all of Howe; a sister, Rosemary Bates of Little Rock, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Warren Sprankle

ASHLEY — Warren W. Sprankle, 60, of Ashley, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprankle was self-employed carpenter and owned and operated Sprankle Construction.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna and Les Partisans Du Quiatenon, a French and Indian War re-enacting group.

He was born April 6, 1944, in Salem Center. His father, Wayne W. Sprankle, preceded him in death. His mother, Viola (Allen) Sprankle Schiffli, survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a son, Sam Sprankle of Terre Haute; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Allen Jones of Louisville, Ky., and Rebecca Sprankle of Indianapolis; a brother, Robert Sprankle of San Diego, Calif.; and a sister, Elaine Wilson of Indianapolis.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Boy Scout Troop 169 of Auburn.

Lucille Kline

FORT WAYNE — Lucille C. Kline, 99, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Mrs. Kline was a homemaker and had a lake cottage at Hamilton Lake for 35 years.

She was a graduate of Central High School and International Business College and was a member of Grace-St. John United Church of Christ.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and a resident at Arbor Glen for the past six years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Charles Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ned Kline and Daunita Kline of Oshkosh, Wis.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn W., in 1978.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a church of the donor's choice.

Gilbert A. Eaton

STURGIS, MICH. — Gilbert A. Eaton, 95, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Matthew 7:7, White Pigeon, Mich.

He was born to Edward and Charlotte (White) Eaton in LaGrange County on July 28, 1908. In 1930, he married Mabel Wells who died in 1975. On Dec. 5, 1979, he married Margaret Wilson Grabe at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sturgis, where he was a member. She survives.

Mr. Eaton had been a Sturgis resident since 1979, having moved from Orland.

He was a farmer and retired from Harter Corp. on July 1, 1973. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, desserts, sweets and his lake cottage.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Linda Eaton of Orland; a grandson, Michael Eaton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Judy Cartwright of Pompano Beach, Fla.; two great-granddaughters, Elena Elswick of Florida and Samantha Eaton of Decatur; two great-great-granddaughters, Emily Crawford and Avery Elswick, both of Florida; several nieces and nephews; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Diane and George Morse of Sturgis; a stepson and his spouse, Gregory and Trudy Grabe of Sturgis; two step-grandchildren and their spouse and friend, Kevin and Michelle Morse of Lake Orion, Mich., and Kristi Morse; and friend Dave Smith of Battle Creek, Mich.

In addition to his first wife, his parents, five sisters, one brother and a grandson, Michael A. Eaton, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Michigan time) at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sturgis, with Pastor Paul Stern officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Dolores Kline

WAWAKA — Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 8 a.m. at her residence following three years of illness.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and spent most of her life in the city, working in quality assurance at Epic Corp. in Kendallville until she retired in 1999.

She returned to Kendallville after living in Colorado from 1974 to 1984. At one time, she was married to Franklin Kline.

She was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Kendallville to Fred P. and Lucille (LaBell) Wilson.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Randy Dickerhoof of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Marcia Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Judy Dawson of Angola, Erma Flora of South Bend and Nanette Nicoski of St. Paul, Minn.; grandchildren Crystal and Joshua Keen, Jennifer, Shannon and Bobby Kline and Julie Fender; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Kline, on March 4, 2003, and a brother, Paul Wilson.

Private family services will be held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Elizabeth Johnson

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Josephine Johnson, 71, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson had lived most of her life in LaGrange and was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Ezel, Ky., to Henry and Cella (Peyton) Rigsby. On Dec. 6, 1951, in Valentine, she married Carl J. Johnson. He died May 22, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Estill Martin of LaGrange and Shery and Earl Wilson of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Denny J. and Diane Johnson and Gary L. Johnson, all of LaGrange; six sisters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Silva Martin of LaGrange, Barbara Smith and Birdeen Sweet, both of Wolcottville, Janet Miller of Leo and Mae Belvin of Corunna; four brothers, Ray Rigsby of Elkhart, Harold Rigsby of Fayetteville, Tenn., Michael Rigsby of Palmetto, Fla., and Ted Rigsby of Climax, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Victor Rigsby; and a great-granddaughter, Paige Johnson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Daniel Beechy

TOPEKA — Daniel D. Beechy, 65, of Topeka died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Beechy was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He had retired from woodworking at Beechy Furniture Shop and from farming.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 30, 1938, in LaGrange County to Daniel A. and Anna W. (Yoder) Beechy. On Dec. 4, 1958, in Shipshewana, he married Alma E. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are eight daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda Sue and Alvin Yoder, Irma and Christy Krepp Jr., and Vera and Toby Yoder, all of LaGrange, Ida Mae and LeRoy Yoder and Fannie Irene and LeRoy Yoder, all of Topeka, Pollyanna and Vernon Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mary and Phillip Schwartz of Middlebury, and Martha and Milton Bontrager of Wolcottville; five sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Esther Beechy and Alvin Jay and LindaRose Beechy, all of LaGrange, Ernest and Mary Esther Beechy of Shipshewana, Harley and Linda Kay Beechy of Middlebury, and Daniel and Esther Beechy of Topeka; a brother, Aaron Beechy of Topeka; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Katie and Ura Garber of Ashland, Ohio, Emma and Roman Yoder of Greenwich, Ohio, and Lydiann Beechy of Topeka; and 85 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alvin Beechy and William Beechy; and a sister, Barbara Beechy.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Harley Schrock residence, 3770 W. C.R. 350S, Topeka, with Bishop Alvin Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Naomi Harper

AUBURN — Naomi P. Harper, 85, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Harper was a homemaker and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and Women of the Moose in Auburn. She was a former member of Gamma Nu sorority.

She was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Auburn to Clarence and Kate (Zerns) Freeman.

She married Laurence Harper on Nov. 21, 1935, in DeKalb County. He died Nov. 19, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Robert E. Harper of Auburn and Michael L. Harper of Thornton, Colo.; one brother, Keith Freeman of Fort Wayne; one sister, Doris Sauer of Panama City Beach, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Harper; two brothers, Merlin and Worth Freeman; a sister, Ruth Gardner; and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Moose service at 7 p.m.

Harry Wilson Sr.

LIGONIER — Harry L. Wilson Sr., 75, of Kimmell died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson retired as a tool and die maker at the 50 Corp. after 30 years of service. He had also worked as a deputy for the Williams County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

He had served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was a member of the NRA and the Farm Bureau. He attended Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. Mr. Wilson enjoyed fishing, antique shopping, visiting with his children and spending time with his dog, Princess.

He was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Maurice and Ema (Smith) Wilson. On Sept. 16, 1990, he married Anna Nash Stauffer. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Bill Braker of New London, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harry L. Jr. and Debi Wilson of Gravois Mills, Mo., and Lee Eric Wilson of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Bonnie and Bob Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, Shelly Siebenaler of Edgerton, Ohio, and Becky and Neil Hybride of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Ramsey of Toledo; four brothers, Vance Wilson and Wayne Wilson, both of Edgerton, Roger Wilson of Edon, Ohio, and Allen Kohout of Steubenville; a sister, Vivian Bever of Hastings, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry Nash and the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Glen Stebing

FORT WAYNE — Glen D. Stebing, 83, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 25, 2004, at 3:02 a.m. at his home.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Stebing was a teacher at South Side High School in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1985, and also coached football, basketball and track. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he earned the Bronze Arrowhead for the D-Day Invasion of Normandy and also received five Battle Stars. Mr. Stebing was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Waynedale Masonic Lodge, American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke and the Foster Park Lions Club. He was the recipient of Lions awards including the Advanced Melvin Jones and Advanced W.P. Woods awards. He was a Lions past district governor and state convention chair. He was the first recipient of the Indiana Distinguished Lion of the Year award for Indiana. Mr. Stebing was a 1943 graduate of Manchester College and a 1947 graduate of Indiana University.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Jeri Kolash of Houston; three sons, Douglas of Folson, Calif., David of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kenneth of Boca Raton, Fla.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet M., in 1987.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Foster Park Lions Club, Waynedale Masonic Lodge or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

David Lieb

BUTLER — David L. Lieb, 74, of Butler died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Lieb received a bachelor's degree in 1956 from Goshen College and taught for 13 years at Cassopolis High School in Cassopolis, Mich. He later was employed by the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a former member of the Lions Club and Elks Club in Cassopolis and had attended the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Lieb was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to Jean P. and Wava (Deal) Lieb.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Margaret Lieb of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret and William Tuck of Battle Creek, Mich., and Martha Cox of Cape Coral, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are to Foundations of Noble County.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Earl Delucenay

ASHLEY — Earl F. Delucenay, 77, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Quincy Manor in Quincy, Mich.

Mr. Delucenay was the co-owner of Delucenay Brothers in Ashley for 18 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Mr. Delucenay

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and was an avid bowler. He was a member of the Ashley Fire Department, serving as its chief for nine years. He also belonged to Orland Post 423 of the American Legion and the Waterloo Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 4, 1927, in Summit to Eugene and Margaret (Miller) Delucenay. He married Phyllis McKean on Aug. 7, 1948, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She died April 2, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Greg Peterson of Fremont; three brothers, Harold Delucenay of Spokane, Wash., Edward Delucenay of New Haven and Eugene Delucenay of Ashley; four grandchildren, Pam Quaintance, David Smith, Sherry Roddy and Gary Smith; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Herman, and a sister, Helen Goebel, as well as his parents and wife.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Additional calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Coldwater Hospice.

G. Marie Bireley

HUNTERTOWN — G. Marie Bireley, 93, of Huntertown died at 7:12 a.m. Sunday at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bireley was employed for 28 years at the power plant at the former Irene Byron Sanitarium in Fort Wayne and retired as a clerk at Tepe's in Fort Wayne in 1986 after 12 years of service. She was an 82-year member of Huntertown United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bireley had moved to Huntertown as a child and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1930.

Mrs. Bireley

She was born April 11, 1911, in DeKalb County to Charles and Goldie (Meese) Pepple. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel E. Bireley, in 1974.

Surviving are two grandsons, Brent E. Preston and his fiancee, Marcia King, of Fort Wayne and Steven R. Preston and his wife, Sandy, of Olathe, Kan.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rozanne Sue Preston, in 2001; two sisters, Ruby I. McDougall and Rowene Warner; and two brothers, Wilbur Pepple and Walter Pepple.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. John Randall, pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Hoagland, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Dorothy Bitner

CROMWELL — Dorothy J. Bitner, 88, of Cromwell died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Bitner was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident. She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and working in her yard.

Mrs. Bitner was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Kosciusko County to Chester O. and Flora O. (Wilkison) Swenson. She first married Don Harlan. He died in 1953. She then married Howard Bitner. He died in 1991.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. and Connie Harlan of Cromwell, John K. and Esther Harlan of Ligonier and Michael D. and Diane Harlan of Victorville, Calif.; a stepson, Larry Bitner of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Dwight Swenson; a sister, Mary Louise Swenson; and a grandson, Mark Harlan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church or Southern Care Fort Wayne, 4666 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Lydia Fry

LAGRANGE — Lydia G. Fry, 85, of LaGrange died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fry was a homemaker and had lived in LaGrange County since 1935. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mrs. Fry was born Dec. 11, 1918, in Arthur, Ill., to George and Susie (Schrock) Helmuth. On Oct. 21, 1937, in LaGrange County, she married Dan J. Fry. He died March 15, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ellen and Vernon Raber and Estha Anna Fry, all of Abbyville, S.C.; seven sons and daughters-in-law, John and Pat Frye of West Blocton, Ala., Jacob and Pollyanna Fry of Topeka, Chris and Katie Fry of Conneciut, Pa., Joe and Bonnie Fry of Constantine, Mich., Dan Jr. and Ruby Fry of Nappanee, Clarence and Polly Anna Fry of Middlebury and Melvin and Rosetta Fry of LaGrange; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Elizabeth Helmuth of Topeka, Clarence and Susie Schlabach of Dalton, Wis., and Melvin and Ida Mae Schlabach of LaGrange; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lovina Yoder and Martha Schlabach, both of LaGrange, Sylvia Yoder of Goshen, Mary Ellen and John Gingerich of Milford, and Katie and Enos Kuhns of Topeka; three sisters-in-law, Anna Roine of Sarasota, Fla., Mary Helmuth of Goshen and Maxine Schlabach of LaGrange; a brother-in-law, Chris Miller of Shipshewana; 39 grandchildren; and 71 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two infant sons, two infant daughters, four sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at the family residence, 3365 S. C.R. 300W, LaGrange, with Bishop Ervin Junior Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Timothy Rowe

MARIETTA, Ga. — Timothy A. Rowe, 25, of Marietta, Ga., died Friday, June 25, 2004.

Mr. Rowe was an Atlanta Police motorcycle officer. He was a 1998 graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio. He attended Owens State College in Toledo prior to joining the Atlanta Police Department in 2001.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hockey and motorcycling. He was a member of the Blue Knights, Georgia Chapter No. 1.

Surviving are his wife, Heath Finch Rowe; his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Bruce Brockway of Maumee, Ohio; his father and stepmother, Everett and Deborah Rowe of Angola; siblings, Porter and Cassandra Brockway, both of Maumee; a brother, Everett Rowe II of Tennessee; several stepbrothers and stepsisters, all of Angola; his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth L. Kurek of Toledo; his paternal grandparents, Elliott and Belle Rowe of Angola; his mother-in-law, Vicki Finch of Toledo; grandparents-in-law, Ernie and Bonnie Wright of Toledo; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are today in Georgia and also at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Walker Funeral Home, Maumee. Calling will also be Thursday at Walker Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Cemetery, Toledo.

Memorials are to the Timothy A. Rowe Memorial Fund, 411 Oak St., Bremen, GA, 30110.

William Whan

ANGOLA — William J. Whan, 86, of Angola, died Monday, June 28, 2004, in Angola.

Mr. Whan was born May 20, 1918, in Darlington, Pa., to William Jefferson and Lily Whan.

He was a steel mill worker, and he retired in 1979 after 42 years at Babcock & Wilcox Co. in Beaver Falls, Pa. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 2387 in Fremont, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in East Palestine, Ohio, and the VFW of East Palestine.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jo and William J. Von Ewegen of Angola; a son and his companion, Mark Whan and P.K. Miller of Angola; 13 grandchildren, Lisa Marie Valentine, Brett, Wes and Sarah Von Ewegen, Abby Freshwater, Terry Rock, Dee Klupp, Dave Rock, Lisa Bowyer, Amy Jo Hedrick, Ron Pauley, Nicole Pauley and Autumn Pauley; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Gerald, Clark and Jeffrey Whan; and a sister, Retta Rawding.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Indiana time on Thursday at Oliver-Linsley Funeral Home, East Palestine, with the Rev. Robert Helbeck officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Wednesday at Oliver-Linsley.

Burial will be in Glenview Cemetery, East Palestine.

Memorials are to Moose Heart or Moose Haven.

Jessica Otterstedt

AUBURN — Jessica L. Otterstedt, 17, of Auburn died Saturday, June 26, 2004.

Born in Auburn, she worked part-time at Ponderosa in Auburn. She was a senior at DeKalb High School, involved with marching band and the color guard, tennis and the Sound Sensation show choir. She loved math and her friends, and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Miss Otterstedt

Surviving are her parents, Christian and Stella Otterstedt of Auburn; a sister, Melissa A. Otterstedt, at home; a brother, Kenneth J. Otterstedt of Indianapolis; a paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Otterstedt of Farmingdale, N.Y.; and a maternal grandmother, Martha Mularz of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund in memory of Jessica L. Otterstedt.

Daniel Bontrager

GOSHEN — Daniel S. Bontrager, 89, of Goshen died at 9:20 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, following a brief illness.

Mr. Bontrager was ordained as a minister in 1940 and served actively for more than 50 years. He was a charter member of Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church, served on the founding board of Clinton Christian School and on the board of Menno-Hof. He and his wife served as missionaries from 1987-1989 in Belgium. He also farmed.

Mr. Bontrager

He was born Dec. 29, 1914, in Goshen to Jacob D. and Fannie (Schrock) Bontrager. On April 21, 1938, in Goshen, he married Elizabeth M. Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-laws, Loretta and Noah Hochstetler of Belize, Central America, Frieda and Paul Nisly of Hutchinson, Kan., Ruth and David Wickey of LaGrange and Regina and Harley Miller of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, LaVern and Ruby Bontrager, Ervin and Elma Bontrager and Linford and Kay Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Thomas and Mollie Bontrager of Shipshewana; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Viola and Crist Gingerich of Shipshewana, Ida Helmuth of Goshen and Clara Gingerich of Bemidji, Minn.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Elam Bontrager and Gideon and Verna Bontrager, all of Goshen; 27 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Ropp; three brothers, Simon Bontrager, Ezra Bontrager and Lloyd Bontrager; and a granddaughter, Greta Wickey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church in Goshen with Bishop Elmer Miller, the Rev. Glen Miller and the Rev. Ed Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press or Christian Aid Ministries.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

William Musser

WAWAKA — William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Musser was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn.

Mr. Musser

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Private graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Ted Lepley Sr.

HUDSON — Ted D. Lepley Sr., 80, of Hudson died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Lepley

Mr. Lepley was an auto mechanic and auto body shop owner. He was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force on Feb. 22, 1943, at the age of 18 and served until January 1946. He participated in the Rome Arno Battle in Southern France and the air offensive over Japan on Ryukus Island. He was stationed in Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and Okinawa, Japan. While in the military, he drove trucks that took pilots and gunners to their planes. He also drove high-ranking military officials to their destinations.

He was born May 8, 1924, in Ashley to Guy C. and Gladys (Spangler) Lepley.

On Jan. 15, 1949, he married Violet Rowe. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ted D. Lepley Jr. of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teri Sue and Denny Schiffli of Waterloo and Tami Jo and James W. Bell of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Sharon Miller of Pleasant Lake, Joyce Myers of Rocky River, Ohio, Wanita Tagtmeyer of Fremont and Karen Dilley of Monticello; five brothers, Walter, DeWayne, Bud, Richard and Jim Lepley, all of Ashley; three grandsons, Shawn Healey, Teddy D. Lepley III and John Paul Herber; and four granddaughters, Jessica and Emily Bell and Tasha and Tiffany Schiffli.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Penny M. Herber, in 1996, and two brothers, Udell and Lynn Lepley.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Karl Akins

MONROEVILLE — Karl F. Akins, 93, of Monroeville died Monday, June 28, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Akins had been a conductor and worked in the yard switching division for the Penn Central Railroad. He retired in 1976 after 30 years of service.

He lived in Fort Wayne and St. Joe for several years and in Avilla from 1974 until February 2000 when he moved to Monroeville to be near his nephew Frank.

Mr. Akins was a former member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the Rail Road Union. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating.

Mr. Akins was born Jan. 22, 1911, in St. Joe in DeKalb County to Frank W. and Daisy (Tomlinson) Akins. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. On Aug. 3, 1948, in Fort Wayne, he married Agnes J. Beaver. She died Feb. 10, 1988.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Frank and Patricia Akins of Monroeville; and a niece and her husband, Helen and James Boschet of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Hollis Akins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Ralph Hartman

ROME CITY — Ralph Hartman, 75, of Rome City died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Donald Smith

FORT WAYNE — Donald M. Smith, 70, of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith had retired from General Electric Co. after 40 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion at Orland, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, June C. (Noll) Smith of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Christine Smith of Fort Wayne and Clayton and Marie Smith of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carla and Allen Gordon of Roanoke and Caren and Mark Robertson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; a brother, James Smith of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Marie Beuchler of Columbia City.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Richard and Walter Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, where a vigil service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Bishop Dwenger High School or St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Elizabeth O'Brien

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth J. "Betsy" O'Brien, 90, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne where she had resided for the past year.

Mrs. O'Brien

Mrs. O'Brien was a sixth-grade teacher at Queen of Angels School in Fort Wayne for 15 years.

She moved to Kendallville in 1972 and served as housekeeper for her brother, Msg. William Faber, living eight years at the Immaculate Conception rectory and 22 years on South Main Street.

Mrs. O'Brien was born Jan. 2, 1914, in Evanston, Ill., to Michael and Susan (Didier) Faber. She was a graduate of St. Theresa College, Winona, Minn. While serving as a laboratory technician at Fort Knox, Ky., she met her husband, Charles P. O'Brien. They were married Jan. 3, 1943, in Louisville, Ky., He was injured in combat in Italy and died while she was pregnant for their second child.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel P. O'Brien of Zanesville and Charles P. O'Brien of Divide, Colo.; a brother, Msgr. William Faber of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sister Pierre Faber of Chicago; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Peter Faber and Nicholas Faber; and two sisters, Regina Hazle and Veronica Kontny.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

There is no calling. A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donald Snyder

AVILLA — Donald W. Snyder, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Snyder had been a driver for six years with J.A.T. and retired in 1992.

He was a native of Auburn and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Snyder was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Stiviving are two daughters, Lisa K. McDaniel of Avilla and Lana J. Snyder of Fort Wayne; and a stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin C. and Sylvia M. (Rathge) Snyder; his wife, Jacqueline M. (Stabe) Snyder; a son, Lynn A. Snyder, in 1987; and a brother, Russell Snyder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

W. June Hawthorne

ANGOLA — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for W. June (Hawthorne) Kinsey, 87, of Angola, who died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hawthorne was born on July 9, 1916, in Fremont.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Regina and Lawrence Blanchard of South Whitley; and a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Carol Hawthorne of Welches, Ore.

He was born April 18, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Ethel Hartman. On Feb. 14, 1969, in Grabill, he married Patricia Litot. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughter-in-law, Donald and Jenny Hartman of Anderson, Richard and Cindy Hartman of Fremont, Robert Voltz and Cassandre Fox of Pierceton and Max Voltz of Rome City; two sisters, Geraldine Hershberger of Fort Wayne and Margaret of California; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ralph Hartman

ROME CITY — Ralph P. Hartman, 75, of Rome City died at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hartman was the former co-owner with his wife of Bailey's Tavern in LaOtto and the Anchor Inn in Rome City. He had also been a truck driver for TMX.

He had moved to Rome City in 1969 from Auburn.

Mr. Hartman was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He had served as a volunteer firefighter for LaOtto Fire Department and Rome City Fire Department.

Thursday, July 1, 2004

Clover Drage

FORT WAYNE — Clover L. Drage, 88, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at 3:15 a.m. at St. Anne Home.

Mrs. Drage had been the organist at Calvary United Methodist Church for more than 40 years.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Adams County to Joshua F. and Hulda H. (Rumple) Bright.

Her husband, Harold D. Drage, died in 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Alice A. and Robert Burris of Auburn, Janet S. and Michael Lewinski, also of Auburn, and Rebecca J. and James Miller of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Marjorie Nickols of Tucson, Ariz., Barbara Murphy of South Bend, Mary Huffman of Nalcrest, Fla., and Nancy Ogden of South Whitley; and a brother, John Bright of Fairfield, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Roger Olson officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information.*

James Lothamer

FREMONT — James Erwin Lothamer, 57, of Fremont died in his home Friday, June 25, 2004, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

He was born to Joseph and Ona (Boone) Lothamer-Shoemaker on Nov. 25, 1946. He married Shirley P. (Ansley) Landis on July 24, 1993, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Lothamer spent most of his adult life as a factory worker, and worked at General Products for the last 11 years. He also worked at Acorn Components in Quincy and Coldwater, Mich., for 28 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Jammie and Eric North, Ionia, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lanean and Marvin Dyer, Coldwater, and Rhea Lynn and Joseph Papenbrock, Fremont; four stepsons and their spouses, Richard Lutz of Coldwater and Nathan Landis and Kevin and Kim Landis, all of Fremont, and Steve and Sarah Landis of Orland; five sisters, MaryAnn Flynn of Burlington, Mich., Betty Lou Bean of Quincy, Shirley Licht and Linda Clark, both of Coldwater, and Teresa Benjamin of Allen, Mich.; three brothers, Floyd Lothamer of Quincy, Donald Lothamer of Hillsdale, Mich., and David Lothamer of Justin, Texas; 25 stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-granchildren.

In addition to his first wife of 20 years, Karen Burkett, and his parents, four brothers, Charles, Robert, Edward and Alfred Lothamer, preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp and Kevin Landis officiating. Burial was in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Connie Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Connie Evers, 80, of Kendallville, owner of Connie's Shoe Store and Flea Market, died today, Friday, July 2, 2004, at the home of her son, Terry Evers, at Big Long Lake.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Lucille Ballentine

AUBURN — Lucille E. Ballentine, 78, formerly of Garrett died this morning, July 2, 2004, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Services will be Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Calling will be Sunday. A full obituary will be published in Saturday's edition.

W. June Hawthorne

ANGOLA — W. June Kinsey Hawthorne, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hawthorne was born in Fremont on July 9,1916, to James and Emma (Letts) Kinsey. She was a 22-year employee of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She served as president of the Elliott Manor Council and was the resident member of the Elliott Manor Management Council.

Her hobbies included reading, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Regina and Lawrence Blanchard of South Whitley; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Carol Hawthorne of Welches, Ore.; nine grandchildren, Marc Schuerman, Michael Schuerman, Brad Schuerman, Lisa Herring, Angela Thatcher, Laura Burdick, Jim Hawthorne, Trina Lyon and Jeff Hawthorne; eight stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Beams-Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information about services.*

William Musser

WAWAKA — William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Born July 15, 1947, in Auburn, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

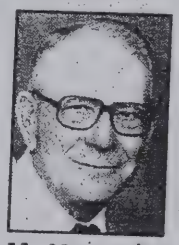
Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Friday, July 2, 2004

Merlin Yant

CHURUBUSCO — Merlin R. Yant, 90, of Churubusco died Thursday, July 1, 2004, in the Oaks Nursing Center of Columbia City.



Mr. Yant

Mr. Yant was a retired farmer and construction worker.

He enjoyed collecting knives, Indian artifacts, hunting, fishing and gardening.

Mr. Yant was a member of Good News Baptist Church of Churubusco.

He was born March 27, 1914, in Swan Township, Noble County, the son of Ervin V. and Laura M. (Miller) Yant. He first married Helen L. Killworth. She died Feb. 4, 1976. He then married Violet Herendeen. She died Aug. 5, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Julia Yant of Huntertown, two stepsons, Max Herendeen of Churubusco and Ralph Herendeen of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Sharon Brown of Washington; two grandsons; several stepgrandchildren; three great-granddaughters; several stepgreat-grandchildren and several stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Yant in 1938; a stepson, Donald Herendeen; a sister, Ethel Bainter; and two brothers, Millard Yant and Walter Yant.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with Pastor Edward Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about survivors and services.*

Donald Snyder

AVILLA — Donald W. Snyder, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Snyder was a driver with J.A.T. for six years, retiring in 1992.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa K. McDaniel of Avilla and Lana J. Snyder of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Keshia and Leticia Kinch and Jonathon and Kayla McDaniel; and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin C. and Sylvia M. (Rathge) Snyder; his wife, Jacqueline M. (Stabe) Snyder; a son, Lynn A. Snyder, in 1987; and a brother, Russell Snyder.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Tom Novy will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240 of Avilla.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Lucille Ballentine

AUBURN — Lucille E. Ballentine, 78, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Auburn.

Mrs. Ballentine worked at Stanadyne of Garrett until her retirement in 1988.

She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 21, 1926, in Savannah, Ga., to James and Emily (Jones) Bisehoff. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert E. Ballentine on Feb. 9, 1946, at St. John Church in The Navy Yard in Charleston, S.C. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred J. and Gloria Ballentine of Butler; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sandy L. and Wesley Albright of Garrett, Cindy K. and Rick Rowe of Garrett, Carolyn S. Miller of Garrett, and Marie E. and Paul "Tony" Brewer of Auburn; a friend and companion, Jack Miller of Garrett; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Albert Driggers, and a great-grandson, Ryed Kocher.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Jeanine Farrell

AUBURN — Jeannine M. Farrell, 37, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 1, 2004.

She worked at Tower Automotive in Auburn. She was born May 14, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Barb (Snyder) and Duane Baughman Sr. of

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Barb (Snyder) and Duane Baughman Sr. of Auburn; a grandmother, Angela Snyder of Wyoming, Mich.; a brother, Jim Farrell of Auburn; a stepbrother and his wife, Skip and Mary Baughman of Auburn; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonya and Ken Heiniger of Auburn and Katie and Robert Calderwood of Durham, N.C., two aunts, Beverly Langley of Wyoming, Mich., and Beneta Kintigh and her husband, Rich, of Hudsonville, Mich.; an uncle and his wife, David and Susan Snyder, of Harleysville, Pa.; eight nieces and nephews, Nick, Joey, Kenny, Kelsey, Kayla, Kirsten, Chris and Ashlie; and her beloved dogs, Haley and Maranda.

Her father, Paul E. Farrell, preceded her in death in 1998.

There will be no services or calling.

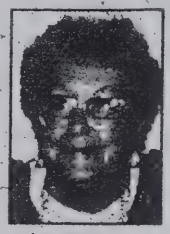
Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Constance Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Constance J. "Connie" Evers, 80, of Kendallville died Friday, July 2, 2004, at her son's home at Big Long Lake in LaGrange County.

She was the owner of Connie's Shoe Store in Kendallville, more recently known as Connie's Corner Flea Market, which she started in 1953. She was a member of Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star and the VFW Women's Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She was an early pioneer of the Apple Festival.



Mrs. Evers

She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Kendallville to Frank Lud Reed and Jessie (Campbell) Reed. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sharon Evers of Wolcottville; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Julie and Ron Olin of Morenci, Mich.; a great-grandson, Brandon Keezer of Morenci; a great-granddaughter, Kara Keezer of Morenci; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Marion Halferty of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank L. Reed Jr.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Send condolences or sign the guest book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Trine

ALBION, Mich. — Donald C. Trine, 88, of Albion, Mich., died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Ind.

A lifelong resident of the Albion area, Mr. Trine lived on Bath Mills Road since 1949. He owned a toy factory, Hamburger Haven on Michigan Avenue and Knotty Pine Drive-In in Marshall. He co-founded Albion Industries.

He started T&S Equipment on Dec. 1, 1955, and Vestil Manufacturing in 1968. Both companies moved to Angola in 1982. He was a life member of the Albion Elks Lodge 1798, Albion Moose 406 and Albion Eagles Lodge 1265.

He was born Aug. 23, 1915, in Albion to Clyde and Edna Maude (Freer) Trine. He married Reva H. Hinkle on July 3, 1937. She preceded him in death on March 11, 2001.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Sheri Trine of Fremont, Philip and Bonnie Trine of Albion, Mich., and Robert and Jean Johnson of Wauscon, Ohio; a half-brother and sister-in-law, Voyl and Marge Trine of Jackson; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Hart.

Services will be today at Riverside Cemetery in Albion, Mich. They are private. The Rev. Dwayne Bagley will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Albion Civic Foundation in Albion, Mich.

Arrangements are by Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels.

Neal Evard

COLUMBIA CITY — Neal E. Evard, 72, of Columbia City died Thursday, July 1, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he was a resident since September 2001.

Mr. Evard

Before retiring in 1977, Mr. Evard worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for more than 12 years, drove a truck for Brown Gravel Co. and worked for H.J. Schrader, J.I. Case in Churubusco and Liberty Mobile Homes in Syracuse. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Wolf Lake V.F.W. 4717, Albion American Legion 246, Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Whitley County Shrine Club, Columbia City Hillbilly Clan 95 and the Wolf Lake Fire Department from May 10, 1954, until 1994.

He was born July 24, 1931, in Columbia City to David Paul and Mary B. (Dimmick) Evard. His formative years were spent in Columbia City until the seventh grade when his family moved to Bear Lake. He completed his education at Wolf Lake High School.

In 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Hawaii and Alaska during the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

On Nov. 15, 1968, he married Ruth A. Hollopeter.

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He is survived by three sons, Paul Eugene Evard of Albion, Anthony Wayne Evard of Kendallville and Scott Allan Evard of Columbia City; a daughter, Theresa Marie Evard of Columbia City; three grandsons, Casey Evard, Justin Evard and Chris Evard; and a granddaughter, Abby Evard.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Dan Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery with military honors.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. and an Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Service to immediately follow.

Saturday, July 3, 2004

Maurice Wessel

APOPKA, Fla. — Maurice H. Wessel, 85, of Apopka, Fla., died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Sunbelt Healthcare in Apopka, Fla.

Mr. Wessel was a mechanical engineer at reliance Electric in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a U.S. Air Force fifst lieutenant, serving a tour of duty in China.

Her was a member of the Apopka Veterans of Foreign Wars post, the American Legion in Mount Dora, Fla., the Elks and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He was a 1935 graduate of Garrett High School and received a four-year degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State University.

He was born Sept. 11, 1918, in Garrett, Ind..

He is survived by his wife, Frances Wessel of Apopka; a son, Maurice Wessel Jr., of Dallas; a daughter, Cynthia Silverstein of East Lyme, Conn.; a stepson, Raymond Day of Phoenix; a stepdaughter, Virginia Dietrich of Monroe, Mich.; a sister, Alitha Diebele of Garrett; three stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Wessel, in 1979, two sisters, Helen Schumaker and Edna Dannenberg, and a brother, Leroy Wessel.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, Ind..

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Hospice of Orlando, Fla., or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 261 S. McGee Ave., Apopka, FL 32703.

Sunday, July 4, 2004

Everett Stebing

WATERLOO — Everett "Pude" Stebing, 85, of Waterloo, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Stebing worked as custodian for the First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne for 12 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He lived in Fort Wayne for 22 years, then in Auburn for 25 years before spending the last 22 years in Waterloo.

He was born Aug. 24, 1918, in Auburn to Jake and Margurite (Ferguson) Stebing.

He married Ruth (Kerns) Loos Stebing on May 21, 1982, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Bonnie Stebing of Grabill and Larry and Bea Stebing of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly (Kline) Stebing. They were married in 1940 and she died in 1980. He also was preceded in death by three brothers, Bob, George and Gene Stebing.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Doyle David

GREENTOWN — Doyle E. David, 84, of Greentown died Friday, July 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo.

Mr. David was born in Union Township on Nov. 4, 1919, to Clifford and Inez (Brunk) David. He married Janice Bryant on April 11, 1941, and she survives.

He was a farmer all of his life on the farm that the David family has owned since 1874. The last few years of his life, he retired because of his health. He resided on the farm, which was in Union Township, and spent his winters in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. David

He was a 1937 graduate of Union Township High School. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Greentown, the Willing Workers Sunday school class and the National Greentown Glass Association and the Greentown Historical Society. He was a former member of the Greentown Lions Club, and was also a former member of the Kokomo Elks Lodge No. 190.

He had served as a school board member for Eastern Howard School Corp.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Carly David of Isle of Palms, S.C., and Jan David of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Bryant and Zachary David of Tampa, Fla., and Baltimore, Md., Andrew David and Nicholas and Katie David, all of Auburn, and Rocky David of Kendallville; three brothers-in-law and their spouses, Frank Conway and Joe and Nida Bryant, all of Greentown and Francis and Anne Smith of Port Charolet, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1965 and his mother in 1993; a sister, Madonna Conway, and a daughter-in-law, Jo Ann David.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Greentown. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hasler-Slone Funeral Home, Greentown.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Greentown, or the American Heart Association.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with the name of an additional survivor.*

Jeannine Farrell

AUBURN — Jeannine M. Farrell, 37, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 1, 2004.

She worked at Tower Automotive in Auburn. She was born May 14, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Barb (Snyder) and Duane Baughman Sr. of Auburn; a grandmother, Angela Snyder of Wyoming, Mich.; a brother, Jim Farrell of Auburn; a stepbrother and his wife, Skip and Mary Baughman of Auburn; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonya and Ken Heiniger of Auburn and Katie and Robert Calderwood of Durham, N.C., three aunts, Vera Farrell of Howard City, Mich., Beverly Langley of Wyoming, Mich., and Beneta Kintigh and her husband, Rich, of Hudsonville, Mich.; an uncle and his wife, David and Susan Snyder, of Harleysville, Pa.; eight nieces and nephews, Nick, Joey, Kenny, Kelsey, Kayla, Kirsten, Chris and Ashlie; and her beloved dogs, Haley and Maranda.

Her father, Paul E. Farrell, preceded her in death in 1998.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Wallace Reed

AUBURN — Wallace Wilson Reed, 68, of Auburn died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Raymond and Opal (Singleton) Reed. He married Grace Cluster in Butler on April 4, 1959. She survives.

He worked for Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, for 23 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the U.S. Navy on the USS Hornet. He was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Reed of Butler, Danny Reed of Auburn and Robert and Julie Reed of Avondale, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ted Congleton of Corunna; a sister, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; and a grandson, Isaac Reed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Butler Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home Waterloo, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Esther Littlejohn

ANGOLA — Esther R. (Throop) Littlejohn, 90, of Angola died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Littlejohn was born Aug. 10, 1913, in Montgomery, Mich., to Earl and Flora Bell (Gill) Fiser. She was married to the Rev. Lawrence Throop, who died on Oct. 4, 1966. She then married Forest Littlejohn in October 1973, and he preceded her in death in January 1992.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola Assembly of God Church, and she loved to play the piano, organ and accordion.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen J. and Billy Hennessey of Angola; a grandson, James D. Hennessey of Fort Benning, Ga.; and a great-granddaughter, Cecilia Hennessey of Fort Benning.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry M. Littlejohn, her parents, and a sister, Doris Kurtz.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be for one hour before services.

Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Richard Kuhn

FREMONT — Richard Allen "Butch" Kuhn, 57, of Fremont died Sunday, July 4, 2004.

He was a printer and pressman for Wise Business Forms in Fort Wayne for 14 years and a realtor with Bayview Realty. He had resided in Steuben County since 1965, after moving from Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Feb. 19, 1947, in Sturgis to Richard L. and Vera (Lower) Kuhn. On Sept. 30, 1965, he married Connie DeLancey, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Todd Allen and Lorie Kuhn of Angola; a daughter, Kimberlee Renee Edwards of Winchester, Va.; his father and stepmother, Richard Lee and Ester Kuhn of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas Kent and Linda Kuhn of LaGrange; three grandsons; and his grandmother, Caroline Lower of LaGrange.

His mother preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice.

L. Iris Grate

AUBURN — L. Iris Grate, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and a former employee of Auburn Rubber Co. and Rieke Corp., retiring from Rieke in 1977.

She was born Sept. 7, 1912, in Garrett to Floyd and Leonie Mae (Camp) Foltz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Lee and Rose Grate of Waterloo; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a son, Stanley D. Grate.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Alma Dirr

FORT WAYNE — Alma Rae McLain Dirr, 99, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Lutheran Homes.

She was retired from Hutner's Paris, where she was a sales clerk.

A native of Fort Wayne, she was a long-time member of St. Paul United Methodist Church on Lombard Street.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene L. and Garnet Dirr of Garrett and Larry A. and Phyllis Dirr of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Wanda Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Bonnie and Wayne Creager of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Claud and Betty McLain of Rogers, Minn., and Gaylon and Frances McLain of Sweet Home, Ore.; 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 15 stepgreat-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren and 19 stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Roy L. Dirr, who died in 1968, a brother, Robert McLain, a sister, Violet Hagerman, and a grandson, G. Leslie Dirr Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Homes or Heartland Hospice.

Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Elizabeth Beeching

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth E. Beeching, 84, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Beeching was a homemaker and a native of Fort Wayne. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles L. Beeching Jr. of Fort Wayne, and Richard and Elaine Beeching of Granger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Larry Thayer and Jeanette and Max A. Troutner, all of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Mike Beeching; nine additional grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Leta Strong of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Alta Crall of Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Charles Beeching, preceded her in death in 1977.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ronald Gearhart

FORT WAYNE — Ronald L. Gearhart, 68, a former Auburn resident, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at 4:20 p.m. in Golden Years Retirement Homestead Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gearhart worked as a manager at Equifax in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in November 1992. He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and a supply minister and elder in the church. He also was a member of Toastmasters of Fort Wayne, and served on the board of directors of Golden Years Retirement Homestead.

Mr. Gearhart was very active with the Auburn Little League and the Boy Scouts.

Born Jan. 5, 1936 in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Claude D. and Marian (Spurling) Gearhart. On Sept. 20, 1958 in Garrett, he married Darla A. Diehl. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jed Gearhart of Auburn, Brett and Deborah Gearhart of Hershey, Pa., and Eric Gearhart of South Bend; a brother, Norman Gearhart of Camarillo, Calif.; a sister, Louann Gearhart of Kansas City, Kan.; one granddaughter, Taylor Gearhart of South Bend; and three grandsons, Isaiah Gearhart, Micah Gearhart and Joshua Gearhart, all of Hershey, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Blake E. Gearhart, and a stillborn son.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ with John A. Scott and Tom Garman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Golden Years Homestead, Heartland Hospice, Alzheimer's Association Research or the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dorothy Hall

ALTONA — Dorothy C. Hall, 89, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at 10:15 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided for six months.

Mrs. Hall

Mrs. Hall was a longtime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla. She worked in the engineering office at Electric Motors & Specialties in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Born Nov. 7, 1914, in Auburn, she was the daughter of Curtis E. and Anna (Armstrong) Warstler. On August 20, 1932, in Auburn, she married Wilford W. Hall. He died in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Hall of Douglasville, Ga.; a son-in-law, Bob Walt of Rome City; a half-brother, Bill Coak of Butler; three granddaughters and their husbands, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne, and Paula and Randy Belice of Chicago; two sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn and Juanita Gronau of Fort Wayne; five great-granddaughters, Katie Whitesell of Ligonier, Anny Whitesell of Fort Wayne, and Tierra Williams, Janel Williams and Chenea Williams, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Zachary Whitesell of Springfield, Mo., and Cody Whitesell of Syracuse; and two great-great-grandchildren, Ajada Johnson and Acacia Dial, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Walt, and a sister, Marie Hand.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

James Kucher

FORT WAYNE — James L. Kucher, 77, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kucher was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a graduate of Indiana University. He retired in 1991 from WKJG after 26 years as an account executive. He also had worked as a real estate broker and as the sales manager for WANE radio.

He was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Legion, Lincoln Post 82.

He was born Dec. 8, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Paul C. and Estella (Beck) Kucher.

Surviving are his wife, Billie Jo Kucher, an Auburn native; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul K. and Kelly Kucher of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Joe Lauritsen of Columbia City and Kelly and Adam Jump of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Nathan Jump, Ryan Kucher and Brennen Kucher; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Ken Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, with military honors.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or Visiting Nurse & Hospice.

Janet Rowe

HUNTINGTON — Janet Rowe, 62, of Huntington died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Huntington.

She worked at the Community Shelter Workshop for 10 years and was a member of Immanual Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 10, 1942, in Auburn, to Dale and LaVerne Bowman. Her mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Terry McMaken of Garrett; a sister, Jean Schaffer of Auburn; her ex-husband, Billy Rowe of Auburn; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Jerry Bowman, and a sister, Joann Bowman.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Wallace Reed

AUBURN — Wallace Wilson Reed, 68, of Auburn died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed worked for Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, for 23 years, retiring in 1989. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving with the U.S. Navy on the USS Hornet. He was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Raymond and Opal (Singleton) Reed. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn. He married Grace Cluster in Butler on April 4, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Reed of Butler, Danny Reed of Auburn and Robert and Julie Reed of Avondale, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ted Congleton of Corunna; a sister, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; and a grandson, Isaac Reed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Butler Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

William Booth

WILLARD, Ohio — William J. Booth Jr., 47, of Willard, Ohio, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at his home after a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Booth lived in Garrett for nine years, before moving to Willard 15 years ago. He was an engineer with the CSX Railroad. He enjoyed fishing in Canada, boating and skiing. He was a great friend to many.

He was born March 2, 1957, in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are two sons, Alex Stebing and Sean Booth-Stebing, both of Garrett, his mother, Charlene Ewing of Sun City, Ariz., three brothers, Bud B. Baranek of Hudson, Bradley M. Booth of Akron, Ohio, and Jack Neal of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Nancy Schneider of Ventura, Calif.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Booth Sr., and a brother, Thomas Neal.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 25 West Perry St., Willard, Ohio, with Father Melvin Verhoff officiating.

Memorials are to Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870.

Secor Funeral Home in Willard, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

James Nilan

LIGONIER — James E. Nilan, 77, of Ligonier and formerly of Washington Court House, Ohio, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home of Ligonier.

Mr. Nilan had retired after 25 years as the owner of Nilan Plumbing of Greenfield, Ohio. He had worked 21 years at Pennington Bakery of Washington Court House. He served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1947. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and yard work.

Mr. Nilan was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Wilmington, Ohio, to James F. and Lydia C. (Huffman) Nilan. On June 29, 1948, in New Burlington, Ohio, he married Helen Simmons. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Newland of Cromwell; a son, James E. Nilan of Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Mary Nilan of Greenfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will take place at a later date at Washington Court House.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Ray Barner

FORT WAYNE — Ray A. Barner, 85, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Barner retired in 1985 after 43 years of service with Perfection Biscuit Co. He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church. He was the past treasurer of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and a member of the United Methodist Congress for the Deaf.

Mr. Barner attended Kansas School of the Deaf in 1926 and the Indianapolis School of the Deaf in 1940. He was co-editor of the "Silent Link" newsletter from 1973 to 1998.

He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Keystone, Ind.

His wife, Marjorie, whom he married in 1952, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Krock of LaOtto; a sister, Lois Sandis of Arizona; two stepsisters, Dortha Yost of Fort Wayne and Donna Furlon of Massachusetts; two grandsons, Louise Krock Jr. and Christopher Krock; a great-granddaughter, Sidney Krock; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lee Barner.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Barner family.

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Geraldine Sauder

FORT WAYNE — Geraldine Sauder, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her residence.

She had retired from K&L Honda and was a member of Grabill Church.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Sauder of Fort Wayne two daughters and a son-in-law Marilyn and Larry Jacquay of Spencerville and Joyce Blackburn of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Langely of Fort Wayne and Eileen Shidler of Warren, Mich.; and a brother, Jack Bartle of Grabill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grabill Church.

Calvin Grosscup Jr.

AUBURN — Calvin H. Grosscup Jr., 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at a nursing facility in Daphne, Ala.

Mr. Grosscup was born in Buckhannon, W.Va., and was a longtime resident of Auburn, where he was involved in a number of businesses.

He worked at the Tri Angle Coal Co., which was owned by his father. With his partner, Harry Davidson, he built and operated the first bowling alley in Auburn. He owned Woodturnings Inc., which first made fish baits for the Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett, along with other items.

Mr. Grosscup also owned and operated Cal's Tavern, across from Auburn City Hall. He founded Grosscup Construction Co., which built numerous houses and commercial buildings. Mr. Grosscup also laid many miles of curb and gutter for Auburn and surrounding municipalities.

Mr. Grosscup will be remembered for always having a joke to tell and for his love of vintage cars. His main hobby was working on and adding to his residence on Morningstar Road.

He is survived by a son, Calvin H. Grosscup III of Ocean Springs, Miss.; four grandchildren, Sheridan Paz of Spanish Fort, Ala., Kaysia Brace of Ocean Springs; Laurie Willisson of Fairhope, Ala., and Chad Grosscup of Daphne, Ala.; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Calvin H. Grosscup Sr., his mother, Minnie (McWhorter) Grosscup, and his wife of 68 years, Mary (Shreve) Grosscup.

A funeral service took place Friday in the chapel at the Wolfe Bayview Funeral Home in Fairhope, Ala.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Coalter Longcor

GOSHEN — Coalter M. Longcor, 88, of Goshen died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care.

Mr. Longcor served as an investigator with the welfare department from 1968-1980. Prior to that he was an investigator with the Goshen Police Department from Dec. 15, 1941, to Sept. 30, 1962.

He was a member of City Church of the Brethren and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a Red Cross volunteer since 1988 and an active blood donor. He served on the board of Goshen General Hospital from 1965-1968 and as a Goshen Hospital Red Coat volunteer.

Mr. Longcor was born Jan. 7, 1916, in Warsaw to William and Blanch (Christy) Longcor. He lived in Goshen since 1928 and was a 1936 graduate of Goshen High School. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II.

On June 23, 1940, in Goshen, he married Katherine Ruch. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sally and David McFarren of New Paris, Tana Brooks of Goshen, and Merry and Terry Mast of Ligonier; four sons and three daughters-in-law, William and Judy Longcor of Milford, Tone and Sineang Oy of Elkhart, Dung Pham of Elkhart, and Bryan and Amy Gunn of Goshen; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wilbur Longcor, and two sisters, Cleo Longcor and Phoebe Stouder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Revs. John Tomlonson, Yvonne Riege and Tim Yoder, all of City Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to City Church of the Brethren.

Gladys Butcher

COLUMBIA CITY — Gladys L. Butcher, 98, of Columbia City died at 8:10 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Butcher

Mrs. Butcher lived with a daughter in Columbia City from 1997 until moving to Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City in October 2003.

She and her first husband lived in Noble County and she and her second husband lived in Rome City where she was employed for several years at Holsinger Super Market.

Mrs. Butcher was born July 15, 1905, in Bourbon, Marshall County, to Charles H. and Rosa May (DeVore) Smith. On Oct. 6, 1921, she married Orson Moore. He died March 12, 1964. On Dec. 28, 1968, she married James F. Butcher. He died July 28, 1971.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dorothy Ellen and Keith Deetz of Helmer, Lucille Butcher of LaGrange and Alta Acres of Columbia City; 23 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, William A. Moore, Orson Charles Moore and Herman Gerald Moore; a daughter, Edna May Woodard; three brothers, Charles Smith, Milo Smith and Myron Smith; and two sisters, Nellie Tidwell and Mae Tidwell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County.

Larry Sneary

HUNTINGTON — Larry L. Sneary, 66, of Huntington died at 5:55 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sneary

Mr. Sneary retired in 1996 from Navistar in Springfield, Ohio. He worked at Navistar in Fort Wayne and Springfield for more than 36 years as a quality inspector.

He was a 1956 graduate of Avilla High School where he played high school sports. He was a licensed funeral director and graduated in 1957 from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science.

Mr. Sneary was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, the 1000 Point Club with the Indiana State Basketball Association, Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville and the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 18, 1938, in Lima, Ohio, to Fred and Garnet (Yeiser) Sneary. On Jan. 16, 1993, in Huntington, he married Rosanna Gunzenhauser. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry L. Jr. and Renee Sneary of Fort Wayne, Michael T. and Erin J. Sneary of Avilla, Stanley E. Sneary of LaOtto, Douglas R. Sneary of Denver, Colo., and David E. and Kelly Sneary of Roanoke; two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle R. Whitesell of Huntington and Beth and Tim Bowers of Huntington; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father John Guimond officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Services of Huntington County or the Huntington Police Athletic League (PAL Club) in care of the mortuary.

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Paul Williams

BRONSON, Mich. — Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for Paul Williams, 81, of Bronson, who died on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

Mr. Williams was born Aug. 4, 1922. He died at his residence.

Earl Sharrow

RUTLAND, Vt. — Former longtime Angola resident Earl Joseph Sharrow, 94, of Rutland died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Rutland Regional Medical Center after a very brief illness.

Mr. Sharrow

Mr. Sharrow was born April 26, 1910, in Monessen, Pa., the first of five children of Franklin Earl and Jane Saphira (Blackburn) Sharrow. Upon high school graduation, he followed his Blackburn uncles to work as a laborer in the Cleveland steel mills.

In 1936 he graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in foreign trade and married his next door neighbor and childhood friend, Marjorie Lou Kidney, who survives.

Starting out as a field representative for H.J. Heinz selling canned goods and condiments to saloons and CCC camps, he later worked for food brokerages in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio. In 1947 he and Marge moved to her family's home community, Angola, where they spent the majority of their married life.

In Angola he operated two businesses, one of which was a self-service laundry. In 1961 he was hired as director of placement and extended services at Tri-State College in Angola, where he worked until his retirement.

He and Marge then became travel agents and began traveling worldwide. For their last adventure in 2002 they moved from Angola to Rutland to be near their son, Gregory.

Throughout his lifetime Earl was involved with the Congregational Church, serving in every capacity from church moderator to Sunday school superintendent. He was also active in the Masonic orders including the Scottish Rite and the Pokagon Shrine Club, of which he was a charter member.

He was a longtime Rotary member and was president of the Angola Rotary Club in the 1950s. During his years at the Tri-State, he took a leadership role in the Midwest College Placement Association, serving for many years as officer and committee chair.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Beth Sharrow of Sterling Heights, Mich.; a son and his civil union partner, Gregory Sharrow and Robert Hooker of Pittsford, Vt.; two sisters, Lois Hagan and Ethel Phillips, both of Cleveland; eight grandchildren, Amy Joyce, Eve Kaltz, Scott Sharrow, Kathryn Line, Madeline Sharrow, Olivia Sharrow, Siobhan Henry-Hooker, and Elizabeth Henry-Hooker; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his son Douglas; a brother, Robert and a sister, Nelda San Jule.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Robert Hall Jr.

AUBURN — Robert P. Hall Jr., 42, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall was employed at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn. He was born Sept. 30, 1961, in Garrett.

Surviving are his father, Robert P. Hall of Bellevue, Ohio; a daughter, Ashlyn Clark of Angola; a brother, William Harvey of Scranton, Pa.; two sisters, Gertrude Judson of Wolcottville and Diane Wallace of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Jacqueline (Metivier) and Hubert Bleeks, and two brothers, Harold Harvey and William Bleeks.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Karen Parker

PIONEER, Ohio — Karen Dee Parker, 66, of Pioneer, Ohio, died of an apparent heart attack on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her summer cottage at Marble Lake near Quincy, Mich.

Mrs. Parker was born April 29, 1938, in Amboy Township, Hillsdale County, Mich., to Delmar and Grace (Long) Shumaker. She was a lifelong resident of Pioneer.

She married Lewis L. Parker in Pioneer on Aug. 4, 1957. He survives.

She was a 1956 graduate of the former Pioneer High School (now North Central High School). She had served as Pioneer Village Clerk for 17 years. After her retirement, she was employed as an administrative assistant at the Enrichment Center near Montpelier, Ohio, for three years.

She was widely known in the tri-state area as an avid and championship bridge player, and was a member of The Life Masters of Bridge.

She was a member of the Northwest Ohio VFW Post No. 8628 of Pioneer, and had attended the Pioneer United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son and his friend, Lynn L. Parker and Kimberly Irvin of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; a daughter, Tammy Parker of Archbold, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Rodney Hendricks of Pioneer; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 9 a.m. Indiana time on Saturday at the Pioneer United Methodist Church with Pastor Steven Smith, Pastor Mike Raypholtz and Pastor Laura Clark officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Pioneer.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Paul Williams

BRONSON, Mich. — Paul Edward Williams, 81, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Williams was born Aug. 4, 1922, in DeKalb County to Carl Ray and Nora Dora (Hampshire) Williams. He was married to Helen Schwartzengraber on April 1, 1950. She survives.

He was a farmer. He also worked at S & K Tool in Defiance, Ohio, General Motors at Defiance and Douglas Auto in Bronson.

He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland. He enjoyed farming and coon hunting.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Jim Gray of Fort Wayne and Darlene Williams and Larry Van Wagner of Orland; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Lynn Williams and Jo Mast, Daryl and Valerie Williams and Ronald and Sandi Williams, all of Bronson and Rodney Williams of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Richard and Donald Williams, both of Continental, Ohio; five sisters, Wilma Williams of Defiance, Dolores Wilson of Continental, Shirley Ernsberger of Waterville, Ohio, Donna Lee Leatherman of Oakwood, Ohio, and Carolyn Lee of Spencerville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, one great-granddaughter and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Wayne Williams; and three sisters, Mabel Fields, Virginia Guild and Mary Divin.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Dale Walterhouse officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson, with military committal services conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or the Orland American Legion.

Zella Bellaire

MIDDLEBURY — Zella R. Bellaire, 94, of Middlebury died at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Amerieare Living Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Bellaire

Mrs. Bellaire moved to LaGrange County in 1936 from Sturgis, Mich. She was a homemaker and involved for 15 years with Meals on Wheels.

She was a member of LaGrange Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 11, 1909, in Manton, Mich., to Charles and Mamie (Blanchard) Burdick. On Nov. 7, 1936, in Elkhart, she married Elmore V. Bellaire. He died June 27, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Gale Hayward of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Betty Bellaire of Middlebury and Dennis and Deborah Bellaire of Three Oaks, Mich.; a sister, Betty Robison of Sturgis, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Thelma Hostetler and Mildred Locke; and a grandson, Jeremy Bellaire, in 1988.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Church of Christ.

Dorain Scheurich

KENDALLVILLE — Dorain M. Scheurich, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

James Nilan

LIGONIER — James E. Nilan, 77, of Ligonier and formerly of Washington Court House, Ohio, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home of Ligonier.

Mr. Nilan had retired after 25 years as the owner of Nilan Plumbing of the Greenfield and Washington Court House, Ohio, areas. He had worked 21 years at Pennington Bakery of Washington Court House.

He served in the United States Army in Japan from 1946 to 1947. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and yard work.

Mr. Nilan was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Wilmington, Ohio, to James F. and Lydia C. (Huffman) Nilan. On June 29, 1949, in New Burlington, Ohio, he married Helen Simmons. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Newland of Cromwell; a son, James E. Nilan of Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Mary Nilan of Greenfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter in 2002.

There are no local services or calling at this time.

Burial will take place at a later date at Washington Court House.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Betty Smith

SPENCERVILLE —Betty B. Smith, 77, of Spencerville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and worked at the Defiance Welfare Department for 10 years before her retirement. She was a member of the Hicksville, Ohio, post of the American Legion.

She was born Sept. 19, 1926, in Hicksville to Earl and Leleh (DeLong) Singleton. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Sharon Carpenter and Larry Blanton of Kendallville, Elia VanDyke of Spencerville, Elvia and Walter Stickney of Butler; Elda and Carl Collins of Hicksville, Elisa Castillo of Butler, Ella and Pryce Vires of Butler and Betty A. and David Stockwell of Coppers Cove, Texas; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sidney M. Smith II and Cheryl Smith of Hicksville, Roel Y. Moreno of Hicksville and Fernando and Rachel Moreno of Wapakoneta, Ohio; 29 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; and an aunt, Frances Hardman of Butler. She also enjoyed the company of seven Chihuahua dogs.

She was preceded in death by a brother, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Robert Bloom

ALTONA — Robert "Bob" L. Bloom, 79, of Altona died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at 10:42 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bloom

A lifetime Altona resident, Mr. Bloom worked for the B&O Railroad as a freight conductor for 44 years before retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the Altona Methodist Church and Garrett American Legion Post 178, a 50-year member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge, a 60-year member of the United Transportation Union and a 15-year volunteer for the City of Garrett Recycling Center. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1947.

He was born May 22, 1925, in Altona, to Joseph B. and Opal L. (Bell) Bloom. They preceded him in death.

He married Deloris M. Hippenhammer on April 26, 1947, in Altona. She survives in Altona.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Hubert A. Ashcraft of Fort Wayne; a son, Ricky L. Bloom and his companion, Trudi Aller, of Rome City; and four grandchildren, Kristopher Bloom of Columbia City, Patrick D. Bloom of Muncie, and Hubie Ashcraft and Carly Ashcraft, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amanda L. Bloom.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the National SIDS Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Rosemarie VanZile

GARRETT — Rosemarie VanZile, 82, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 9:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. VanZile was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Garrett to William and Bernadette (Cogley) Dreher.

She married Meredith VanZile on Sept. 27, 1941, in Auburn. He died Jan. 20, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters, Polly Locke of Fort Wayne, Monica Parry of Indianapolis and Beth Lynch of Alpharetta, Ga.; nine granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Novy, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge or arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Madalyn Brown

GARRETT — Madalyn Laura Brown, 85, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died Feb. 23, 2004, in Hendersonville, N.C., after an extended illness.

She was born March 25, 1918, in Cairo, Ill., to Dan and Laura Cadagan.

She had lived in Detroit and Garrett before retiring to Bonita Springs, Fla. For the past few years, she had spent summers at the home of her niece and her husband, Marcia and Riley Hardy, at Lake Lure, N.C.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Shawn Brown of Richmond Hill, Ga., and Amy Brown of Angola; and three great-grandchildren, Cameron, Caleb and Caylee Brown, all of Georgia.

Preceding her in death were a son, Stephen N. Brown, and a brother, Dan Cadagan.

Graveside services will be Thursday, July 15, at 2 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett. Her body has been cremated. The Rev. Dave Everly of Sonlight Community Church in Angola will officiate.

Suzanne Kaiser

FORT WAYNE — Suzanne M. (Dirig) Kaiser, 60, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her home.

A Fort Wayne native, she was a billing clerk with Strataflo Products and a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald L. Kaiser of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Anita (Schaper) Williams of Gibsonton, Fla.; two sons, E Schaper of Markle and Chris Schaper of Fort Wayne; three stepchildren, Charles Kaiser of Fort Wayne, Garry Kaiser of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Larry Kevin Kaiser of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Mike Dirig of LaGrange, Phi Dirig of Orland and Tim Dirig of Auburn; a sister, Kathy McKown of Fremont, Ohio; and five stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Catholi Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Robert Nusbaum

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Robert A. Nusbaum, 93, of Sherwood, Ohio, died Thursday, July 8, 2004.

Mr. Nusbaum was born Au 29, 1910, in Temperence, Mich., to John T. and Therese (Hasselschwert) Nusbaum. He was the last surviving of their 11 children.

He was a graduate of Ypsilanti Teacher's College in Michigan, and was a former seminarian. He became a teacher and taught at Bullock School in Michigan. In 1934, he married Alice O'Brien, who preceded him in death. In 1980 he married Helen (Pat) Simon Nusbaum, who survives.

He later moved to Ohio, where he became a farmer and an active member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, The Bend, Ohio.

Also surviving are eight children and their spouses, Robert J. and Julie Nusbaum of Ney, Ohio, Neil E. and Judy Nusbaum of Angola, James P. and Roseann Nusbaum of Sherwood, Phillip J. and Phyllis Nusbaum of Centerville, Mich., Mary Alice and Robert Hulbert of Defiance, Ohio, William P. and Judi Nusbaum of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, Paul T. and Judy Nusbaum of Sherwood and Ellen A. Simonis of Sherwood; three stepchildren and their spouses, Mary Ann Hauenstein of Lima, Ohio, Jane and Leonard Dewitt of Elkhart and J. Michael and Sandy Simon of Defiance; 36 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 22 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Annamarie; a great-grandson, Daniel; and a stepson, Thad Simon.

Services will be 10 a.m. Indiana time on Monday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, The Bend, with the Revs. David Tscherne, William Martin, Louis Komorowski and Don Mueller officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. Indiana time at Burr Funeral Home, Sherwood, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Memorials are to Society for the Propagation of Faith, the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Harold Diederich

AUBURN — Harold M. Diederich, 76, of Auburn died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at 9:50 a.m. in Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mr. Diederich was a lifetime resident of the area. He worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 25 years, at Foamex in Auburn for 12 1/2 years and as a greeter at Wal-Mart in Auburn for the past eight years. He was a member of Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 10, 1927, in Garrett to Frank and Edith (Schunk) Diederich. They preceded him in death.

He married Flora B. Jackson on Dec. 16, 1978, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Simpson of Garrett; a daughter, Deloris Blauser of Auburn; a sister, Elinor Kyte of Flagstaff, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Don Diederich.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Thomas P. Speidel will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

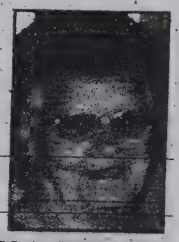
Calling will be Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Marjorie Anderson

AUBURN — Marjorie L. Anderson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at her home in Wesley Park Apartments.



Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson retired from Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn in 1980

Rosemarie VanZile

GARRETT — Rosemarie VanZile, 82, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 9:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. VanZile was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Garrett to William and Bernadette (Cogley) Dreher.

She married Meredith VanZile on Sept. 27, 1941, in Auburn. He died Jan. 20, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Dan VanZile of Hallandale Beach, Fla.; three daughters, Polly Locke of Fort Wayne, Monica Parry of Indianapolis and Beth Lynch of Alpharetta, Ga.; nine granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Novy, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge or arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Dorain Scheurich

KENDALLVILLE — Dorain Mae "Dottie" Scheurich, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Scheurich

Mrs. Scheurich had been a real estate agent with with Grady Realty for 15 years and had been a waitress at several local restaurants including the Publix Cafe and Galloway's Restaurant.

She was a member of the Church of God and had taught Sunday school.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Kendallville the daughter of Harry Rolland and Gertrude (Kirkpatrick) Bower. On Aug. 31, 1946, in Avilla she married Glenn Raymond Scheurich. He died April 11, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Norbert Franks of Kendallville, Sharon Miller of Kendallville, and Barbara and Mark Mead of Corinna; a son, Glenn Scheurich Jr. of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Hastings of Albion, Ida Hewitt of Kendallville, and Joy Wells of Fort Wayne; seven grandsons, Mark and Kevin Franks, Chad Grady, Shaun Miller, and Shannon, Matthew and Nathan Wineland; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Bloom

ALTONA — The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate at Saturday's funeral services for Robert "Bob" L. Bloom, 79, of Altona.

Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at 10:42 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the National SIDS Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Fannie Fry

SHIPSHEWANA — Fannie Fry, 92, of Shipshewana died at 12:05 p.m. Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Fry was a homemaker and a member of Old Order Amish Church.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening and making quilts with her husband, Daniel. The couple spent 20 winters at Pine Craft in Sarasota, Fla.

She was born June 17, 1912, in Wild Horse, Colo., the daughter of Jacob J. and Anna (Schrock) Gingerich. On Dec. 22, 1936, in Shipshewana she married Daniel A. Fry. He died Aug. 24, 1994.

Surviving are four sisters and brothers-in-law, Mandy and Levi Jones, Emma and Levi Schrock, Elizabeth and LeRoy Miller, and Ella and Albert Schrock, all of Shipshewana; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ezra Gingerich of Shipshewana, Mose and Katie Gingerich of Goshen, and Ola Fry of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Ura Gingerich and a sister, Ida Miller.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Ervin Raber residence, 155 Union St., Shipshewana, with Bishop Jerry Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the Raber residence.

Keith Birkhold

FORT WAYNE — Keith E. Birkhold, 70, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Birkhold had retired in 1991 from Zollners after 27 years of service.

He was a native of Kendallville and graduated from Central Catholic High School. He had attended Indiana University and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Birkhold enjoyed gardening, cycling and was an avid reader.

On June 13, 1959, in Fort Wayne he married Jo Ann Connett. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Gulik of Chicago and Denise Ferguson of Arlington, Va.; a brother, Richard Birkhold of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher, in 1981.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Arrangements are by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

Saturday, July 10, 2004

Patricia Westerman

AUBURN — Patricia M. (Walter) Westerman, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Montpelier, Ohio, she was a teacher in Bryan, Ohio, schools for 27 years and a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association and Alpha Delta Sorority.

She was a graduate of Bryan High School in 1939 and received a bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green State University.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bill Zwieg of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Sara Zwieg of California and David Zwieg of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. with calling from 2 to 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Marjorie Anderson

AUBURN — Marjorie L. Anderson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at her home in Wesley Park Apartments.

Mrs. Anderson retired from Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn in 1980 and regularly attended the Cooper retirees' monthly gatherings. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the Ener-Jet Home Demonstration Club and a Red Hat Doozie.

Mrs. Anderson

She was born Sept. 22, 1920, in Ambia to Roy L. and Opal L. (Davis) Bryant. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 19, 1939, in Crown Point she married Donald E. Anderson. He died Dec. 28, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith L. and Cindy Anderson of Auburn and Michael D. and Deb Anderson of Butler; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn L. and Larry Dove of Butler, Shirley R. and Paul Beatty of Auburn, and Barbara J. and Randy Reinhart of Nelson, Mo.; a brother, Phillip J. Gilbert of Gardner, Ill.; 17 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean F. Bryant and Merrill L. Bryant; and a sister, Carolyn M. Earley.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Church or Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Annette Schuhler

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Annette Jones Schuhler, 57, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Henry Mayo New Hall Memorial Hospital in Santa Clarita.

She was a native of Churubusco, Ind., and formerly lived at Traverse City, Mich.

She was the daughter of the late Everett R. and Thelma (Neuhaus) Jones of Churubusco.

Surviving are her husband, Robert H. Schuhler; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Andy and Natalie Schuhler of Castaic, Calif., and Timothy Schuhler of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and Robert Haeske of Milan, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chuck and Barbara Jones of Columbia City and David and Sharon Jones of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and James Crowe of Bloomington, Ind.; and four grandchildren.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

Robert Crowell

HUNTERTOWN — Robert O. "Bob" Crowell, 71, of Huntertown, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a driver for Kenosha Auto Transport. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea, and he attended Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Mr. Crowell was born Feb. 4, 1933, in Sidney to Albert and Rhoda (Rockey) Crowell.

He married Vivian Salmon Sept. 11, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Susan Crowell of Huntertown; two grandchildren, Katherine Crowell and Matthew Crowell, both of Huntertown; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and two sisters, Blanche Crowell and Mary Smallback.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Edward Walburn

CROMWELL — Edward G. Walburn, 83, of rural Cromwell died at 1:05 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He had been an engineer with the state highway department and was a surveyor.

Mr. Walburn was a 40-year member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, West Noble American Legion, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, and Indian Village United Methodist Church. He enjoyed collecting and repairing antique furniture and farming, and he loved to recite poetry.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Green Township of Noble County to Otto and Beulah Mae (Wright) Walburn, and he lived his entire life in Noble County.

On Oct. 1, 1944, in Norman, Okla., he married Norma Jean Deisler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Peter Myers, Molly Faber and Joe Walburn; and three great-grandchildren, Madeline, Elisa and Amelia Faber.

Preceding him in death were a son, David; and two sisters, Leonora and Lionana.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village United Methodist Church or the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Sunday, July 11, 2004

Carl Lindeman

CROOKED LAKE — Carl E. Lindeman, 58, of Crooked Lake, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past two months.

Mr. Lindeman worked at Hires Auto Parts for 21 years, and was the store manager for 10 years. He also was employed at Rome City Auto Parts for two years and later established Lindeman's Pontoon Repair in Wolf Lake, owning and operating the business for many years.

Mr. Lindeman

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717 in Wolf Lake and the American Legion post in Avilla. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on March 3, 1966, and served as a security policeman in the 317th Squadron. He was honorably discharged Dec. 19, 1969.

He spent his formative years in Fort Wayne, where he attended Catholic schools for 11 years and graduated from Central High School.

He was born Nov. 25, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Wilbur F. and Velma (Stoddard) Lindeman. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary L. (Nahrwold) Crumpacker on Dec. 15, 1973. After first living in Fort Wayne, they moved to Big Lake, and resided there until 1984, when they moved to Crooked Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Dwight E. Crumpacker of Fort Wayne; five grandsons; a great-granddaughter; four brothers, Robert Lindeman, William Lindeman and John Lindeman, all of Fort Wayne, and Richard Lindeman of New York; and a sister, Norma Grable of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Donna Fudge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Ernest Murphy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ernest David Murphy, 81, of Hicksville died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy was a salesman for 23 years and then a small-engine repairman in Hicksville.

Most recently, he delivered parts for Noah Yoder Ford.

He was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Woodburn to Robert and Rosa (Guiff) Murphy.

He married Ruth Fowler on March 15, 1969. She died in 2001.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are three sons, Paul Murphy of Fort Wayne, Charles Fowler of Hicksville and Cliff Murphy of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Sue Feasby of Antwerp, Kay Smith of Tampa, Fla., Deb Stuckey of Hicksville and Melody Mumy of Hicksville; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Olive Witmer of Spencerville, Ind.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were his parents, three brothers, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday (Indiana time) at the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville.

Memorials are to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance County.

Norma Scott

ANGOLA — Norma Jean Scott, 71, of Angola died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. Scott was born in Angola on Feb. 17, 1933, to Paul H. and Leota (Miller) Wilsey. She was first married to Herschel Schworm, who preceded her in death, and then to Carl Scott, who died on Feb. 10, 2003.

She retired from Keystone-Rees in Fremont in 1998. She was a 35-year member of the Women of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are two sons, Todd Schworm of Angola and Michael Lanning of Fremont; a brother, Charles Wilsey of Fremont; a sister, Carol May of Centennial, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Saleigha Lanning, on Oct. 10, 1994.

Services will be noon Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the service on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Richard Isaacs

ROME CITY — Richard A. Isaacs, 78, of Rome City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ralph Farrington

AUBURN — Ralph K. Farrington, 87, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Farrington worked at Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1977.

He served his country during World War II with the Civil Service Corps as an airplane mechanic at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and at Alpena, Mich., and Baer Field in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 7, 1917, at Eaton Rapids, Mich., to Arthur E. and Carrie (Shellhouse) Farrington.

He married Phyllis J. Sattison on May 26, 1942. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a two daughters-in-law, Thomas A. and Penny Farrington of Sarasota, Fla., Michael L. and Becky Farrington of Kokomo and Jerry A. Farrington of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Larry Owens of Auburn; a sister, Thelma Coscarelly of Glendale, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lloyd and Benjamin Farrington; and three sisters, Rutheda Powers, Beneda Robinson and one sister who died in infancy.

Services will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Marki will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Monday, July 12, 2004

Robert Burkhart

LIGONIER — Robert E. "Bob" Burkhart, 84, of Ligonier died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Burkhart

Mr. Burkhart had retired after 47 years as a mechanic at the Blazed Trail Garage.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 243.

Mr. Burkhart enjoyed fishing.

He was born Feb. 25, 1920, in Ligonier to Harry and Mabel (Simians) Burkhart.

Mr. Burkhart is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and a companion, Theda Miller.

Military graveside services by American Legion Post 243 will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243.

Betty Carlin

FREMONT — Betty L. Carlin, 65, of Fremont died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Carlin was born Dec. 30, 1938, at Christ Church, New Zealand, to Arthur and Myra (Cane) McClintock. She was married to Larry L. Carlin on Nov. 24, 1962, and he survives.

Mrs. Carlin

She was a homemaker. She attended Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, and was a charter member of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood.

She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, and belonged to the Angola Ladies of the Elks, Eagles Lodge Auxiliary of Bryan, Ohio, and the Women of the Moose in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Bill Stombaugh of Bryan, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Sandy Carlin of Hillsdale, Mich., Kevin and Lori Carlin of Edgerton, Mich. and Kent and Megan Carlin of Clear Lake; two brother and five sisters, all of New Zealand; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Dream Foundation or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Freida Eyer

CHURUBUSCO — Freida Joan Eyer, 78, of Churubusco died at 9:23 a.m. Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Eyer

Mrs. Eyer was well known throughout the area as a wallpaper hanger.

She had retired in 1988 after serving 16 years in that profession.

She had also been employed for a short period at General Electric and at Borden Dairy from 1945-54.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women's Charity Circle.

She was born Dec. 5, 1925, near Liberty Center in Wells County to Loyd and Verine (Overmire) Minniear.

She graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1943.

On March 20, 1954, she married Harold E. Eyer. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra Eyer of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Harold Eyer Jr. of Churubusco; a half sister and her husband, Bea and Max Mann of Montpelier; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clifford Minniear; and two sisters, Helen Grush and Dorothy Young.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubuso.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Monday, July 12, 2004

David Stukey

LAKE JAMES — David S. Stukey, 62, of Lake James and Naples, Fla., died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home on Lake James.

Mr. Stukey was born Dec. 12, 1941, in Bluffton, to Claire H. and Margaret Maxine (Woodruff) Stukey. He was married to Barbara Heltebrake on Sept. 11, 1964, and she survives.

He was a salesman at DeVoe Automotive for 12 years in Naples.

He retired from International Harvester in 1985 after 18 years of service.

He had also worked for McDonald-Douglas for a year and a half in Torrance, Calif., and was in the St. Joe Township Fire Department from 1966-72.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church in Marco Island, Fla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Jennifer Stukey of Angola and Chad and Gwen Stukey of Golden, Colo.; a daughter, Stacy Stukey-Hambrook of Angola; a sister, Sue Ann Waite of Angola; and five grandchildren, Adam, Benjamin, Samuel, Spencer and Gretta.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or Wesley United Methodist Church.

Robert Skinner

ELKHART — Robert D. Skinner, 78, of Elkhart died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Skinner had spent most of his life in Wolcottville.

He was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Noble County to Walter C. and Louise (Gill) Skinner.

Surviving are two half sisters, Wilma Nagy and Alice Carlberg, both of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Brown and Marjorie Replogle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday prior to services.

William Burnau

FREMONT — William V. "Barefoot Willie" Burnau, 75, of Fremont died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was a serviceman for Sears, retiring in 1991.

He was born April 5, 1929, in Markle. He was a member of the Orland American Legion and loved Indiana University, racing and country music.

Surviving are his wife, Fern Burnau; two daughters, Susan Duff of Fort Wayne and Sheryl Hollister of Ossian; a son, Rick Burnau of Fremont; 11 grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Burnau.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

J. Eugene Shew

COLUMBIA CITY — J. Eugene Shew, 91, of Columbia City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana where he had been admitted July 5.

Mr. Shew

Mr. Shew was a farmer and retired in 1978 after 27 years of employment at Dana Weatherhead.

During World War II he was employed at Oriental Show U.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Chain O' Lakes Barbershop Chorus.

Mr. Shew was born, Oct. 16, 1912, in Fort Wayne to George Jacob and Effie Jean (Flint) Shew.

He was the first Caesarean birth at Lutheran Hospital. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On Sept. 12, 1936, he married Lucille I. Hougendobler. She survives.

They resided at High Lake for 25 years until 1968, moving to their home on S.R. 205. The couple spent their winters in Frostproof, Fla., for 20 years.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Phil E. and Linda Shew, Russell L. Shew and Jon A. and Rosie Shew, all of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Alma Mott, Oma Kuntz, Alice Ott and Tamson Craven.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. James Haugen of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Harold Kelley

NEW MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — Harold D. Kelley, 76, of New Middletown, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kelley was born March 16, 1928, in North Judson, to Harry and Octavia (Gire) Kelley. He was raised in Garrett, and moved to Poland, Ohio in 1957. He was married to Christine J. Ruggiero on June 5, 1948, and she survives.

He was a 1946 graduate of Garrett High School, and received a bachelor of science degree in education in 1966 and his master's degree in education in 1974 from Youngstown State University.

He taught eighth grade math and history in the Springfield Local School System in Ohio from 1966 to 1988, and had also served as past athletic director. After retirement, he served as a substitute teacher for 16 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served from 1946-48. He was a member of VFW Post No. 2799, and also belonged to the National Education Association and the Ohio Education Association.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling with his wife.

He was an active member of the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Boardman, Ohio, and served his church in many capacities, including serving on the deacon board and as an usher.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathleen J. and Lyle Orr and Darlene A. Kelley, all of Boardman and Jacalyn and Charles Spayde of Willoughby, Ohio; a son and his fiancee, Harold P. Kelley and Linda Vesy, both of New Middletown; three sisters, Isabel Lung of Bonita Springs, Fla., Audrey Beaty of Angola and Linda Mann of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Harry Kelley of Angola; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Kelley.

Services were held Saturday in Boardman.

Memorials are to the Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Lorayne Martin

LAGRANGE — Lorayne "Herbie" Martin, 78, of LaGrange died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Martin was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Rome City to Howard and Mable (Caldwell) Ramsby. She first married Harold Brown and he preceded her in death. She then married Donald Martin in 1973. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Harold James Brown of Albion and Gary Brown of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Kate and Wallace Neumann of Village Mills, Texas; a grandson, Jason Brown of Albion; two nieces; and five nephews.

Also preceding her in deat were her parents; two sisters, Verba Targgart and Vera Amick; two brothers, Logan Ramsby and Keith Ramsby; and a grandchild, Jerri Brown

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Glen La Vine

HIGHLAND — Glen E. La Vine, 72, of Highland and formerly of Angola, died Sunday, July 11, 2004.

Mr. La Vine was a member of St. James Church of Highland. He retired from Northern Indiana Public Service Co. with 33 years of services.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict, and was a member of the American Legion post in Hammond. He was a graduate of Angola High School and Tri-State University, and had served on the board of directors for the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hammond.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Josephine (DeRosa) La Vine; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Christy La Vine of Carol Stream, Ill., and Matthew and Holly La Vine of Bartlett, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Gloria and Robert Brown of Sedro Wooley, Wash., and Joyce Nelson of Chestertown, Md., and three grandchildren, Ashley, Mack and Benjamin.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael, in 1989.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. James Church, Highland, with Monsignor Richard Zollinger officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland. A prayer service will be held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be on Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Leonard Smith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Leonard D. Smith, 74, of Ovid Township, Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Smith was born March 13, 1930, in Ray, to Paul and Hattie (Blotter) Smith. He attended Bronson Schools in Bronson, Mich.

He had been employed at several area factories and belonged to the Coldwater Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are seven children and their spouses, Mary Sue and Robert Walker, David and Daleann Smith and Ralph Smith, all of Coldwater, Sandy and Bill Vaughn of Fremont, Deborah Ann Smith and Larry Halstead of Montgomery, Mich., James and Jeanie Smith of Charlotte, Tenn. and Jackie and LaVern Bell of Jonesville, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Bill Wonders of Bronson and Yvonne and Jim Taylor of Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, John William and Loretta Smith of Quincy, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Klyta (Mabie) Smith and Linda (Melton) Hoard Smith; a daughter, Cheryl Courtney; a brother, four sisters and six grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at noon Indiana time at the George White Funeral Home, Quincy. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Burial will be in Allen Cemetery, Allen, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Robert 'Red' Young

GARRETT — Robert L. "Red" Young, 75, of Garrett died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Young was self-employed as an automotive detailer for more than 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Kendallville to Otis J. Young and Norma Adell (Teders) Young.

He married Janet Rugman on Dec. 26, 1991, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Norma Miller of Albion; one grandchild, Jacob M. Phillips; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Otis Young; 10 brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a graveside military service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Morgan

GARRETT — Mary M. Morgan, 81, of Garrett died Monday, July 12, 2004, at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Morgan

Born in Miller City, Ohio, she graduated from Miller City High School in 1940. She was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria at Garrett High School for 28 years, retiring in 1985.

Surviving are her husband, Varold, of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Don Schiffli of Waterloo and Lana and Terry Miller of Delphos, Ohio; a sister, Clara Fay Andrews of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Della; two brothers, Donald and Howard Heffley; four sisters, Wilma Strausser, Cleta Schaefer, Lucille Neff and LaVern Ridenour; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be at the funeral home Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Richard Isaacs

ROME CITY — Richard A. Isaacs, 78, of Rome City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Isaacs was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Russell and Hilda (Vachon) Isaacs. He married Onalee Hillman on Aug. 5, 1975, in Greenville, S.C. She survives.

He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

He was employed as a maintenance supervisor at B.F. Goodrich in Fort Wayne, retiring after 25 years of service.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Brown of Quincy, Mich.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kathleen Berry of Hazelhurst, Ga.; Patricia and Roy Armstrong of Ligonier, Jacqueline and Chris Gaetz of Angola and Mary Ann and Brian Winebrenner of Syracuse; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Mindy Isaacs of Wolcottville and Norman and Peggy Isaacs of Prairie de Chein, Wis.; two stepsons and their wives, M.S. and Michelle Mullins of Dallas, Texas, and Paul and Diane Mullins of San Diego, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Cheryl Mullins of Westerville, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Sarah and Fred Stamey of Middlesex, N.C., Cynthia and Joseph DeWitt of Syracuse and Brenda and Terry Winebrenner of Westerville, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Isaacs, a granddaughter, Valery S. Parker, a sister Hilda Fortney, and two brothers, William Isaacs and John Isaacs.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery following services on Thursday.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. A rosary will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Cancer Treatment Center or Care at Home services.

Send condolences or to sign the online guest register, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Kenneth Koch Jr.

HARLAN — Kenneth W. Koch Jr., 72, of Harlan died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Koch formerly owned and operated Superior Cleaners in Hicksville, Ohio, and Koch's Superior Cleaners of Leo-Cedarville. He had worked at International Harvester for 26 years, Magnavox for nine years, and Fillmore Tool & Die in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 2, 1931, in Woodburn to Kenneth W. and Helen R. (Kreg) Koch Sr. He was a 1950 graduate of Hicksville High School and a member of the American Legion, Eagles and Moose.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Darlene Koch of Woodburn; a daughter and son-in-law Chris and Michael Stark of Harlan; a sister, Barbara Peter of Hicksville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour before the service, at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. Private burial will be at a later date in Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Marie Estella Addis, 86, of rural Churubusco in Noble County died Monday morning, July 12, 2004, at her residence in Green Township following an extended illness.

Mrs. Addis

She was a member of Charter Oak Community Church, north of Churubusco, and its Willing Workers.

Mrs. Addis was born in Green Township on Oct. 22, 1917, to Lloyd and Roseanna (Gordon) Claxton, and was a lifelong resident of Noble County. She was married on Oct. 19, 1935, to John F. Addis. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1979.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Nancy Addis Jr. and Jim and Carol (Meyer) Addis, all of Churubusco, and Jerry and Gloria Addis of Pisgah Forest, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lora and Elvin Bridegan of Churubusco and Grace Slater of Largo, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, the Rev. Alva Claxton, Cecil Claxton and Ernest Claxton; a sister, Elsie Claxton; a daughter-in-law, Rose Marie Addis; and a son-in-law, Laurie Slater.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Pastors Buel Meadows and Aaron Peer officiating. Interment will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Charter Oak Community Church.

Leon Meyer

WOLF LAKE — Leon M. Meyer, 68, of Wolf Lake died at 4:59 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Meyer had retired in 1999 from Dexter Axle. He had also worked part-time for Churubusco Auto Electric.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He enjoyed gardening, flowers, woodworking, crafts, remodeling his home and being outdoors.

Mr. Meyer was born May 19, 1936, in Garrett to Francis J. and Marjorie (Pennel) Meyer. On Feb. 14, 2003, he married Kathi Boyer in Bowling Spring, S.C., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Meyer of Florida; two stepdaughters, Tara Bower and her friend, Christopher Watkins, and Karri Brown, all of Cowpens, S.C.; a stepson, Robert Brown of South Whitley; a brother and sister-in-law, Gail and Sharon Meyer of Springfield, Ohio; and a grandchild, Madison Brown.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Father Dan Durkin officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care.

Vearl Gaff

WOLF LAKE — Vearl V. Gaff, 78, of Wolf Lake died Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif., while visiting his daughter, Ann Graft, and her family.

Services are pending at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Thomas Wagner

MARSHALL, Mich. — Thomas Alfred "Ole Tom" Wagner, 67, of Marshall, Mich., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall.

Mr. Wagner was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Detroit, to Alfred and Henrietta (Schultz) Wagner. He was married in 1954 to Helen Rodgers, and in 1973 to Gloria Weidner. Both marriages ended in divorce.

He received his education at Camden High School in Camden, Mich.

At the age of 21, he was elected the youngest constable in the state of Michigan, serving Camden Township. He then continued his career serving as the marshal of police in Camden. He was also a fireman. His career as a public servant lasted for more than 40 years.

He had also worked for Montgomery Egg, Tidy's, Boshears Ford, Battle Creek Ford and Gray Chevrolet. He had also been a manager at Hill Piston.

Surviving are four daughters and their spouses, Valerie and Cary Arnold of Hillsdale, Mich., Cheryl Hill and James McEwen of Bellevue, Mich., Tammy and Todd Gore of Marshall, Mich., and Terri Gossman and her fiancé, Lynn, of Rollin, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Kenny Firestone of Angola; seven grandchildren, Zach Arnold, Hilary Arnold Mcintyre, Rachelle Gore, Shannon Hill, Mehgan Gore, Todd Gore and Amy Hill; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Jerome Lee Wagner.

Services will be 9 a.m. Indiana time on Thursday at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, with Pastor Robert Muirhead officiating.

Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Thomas Wagner Memorial Fund.

John Wentworth Jr.

HOWE — John A. "Jack" Wentworth Jr., 88, of Howe died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Wentworth move to Howe in 1947 from Mishawaka. He was the owner of Wentworth Electronics of Howe from 1947 to 1989. The business was first known as Jack's Radio Service. In 1951, he expanded the business with his brother and changed the name to Wentworth Appliances. In 1965, it became Wentworth Electronics.

He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, trustee and elder. He was also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star.

He enjoyed woodworking and made woodcrafts under the name Lumber Jack. He served as a volunteer at Maple Wood Nature Preserve in LaGrange County.

Mr. Wentworth was born March 25, 1916, in Mishawaka to John A. Sr. and J. Grace (Dunham) Wentworth. On July 2, 1939, in Sturgis, Mich., he married A. June Blasius. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald G. Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale M. Wentworth of Howe and Myron A. Wentworth of Butler; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Alta Marie Wentworth and Mary Jane Wentworth; and three brothers, Starr Wentworth, Roy Wentworth and Ray Wentworth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Robert James

AUBURN. — Robert D. James, 76, of Auburn died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his home.

Born in DeKalb County, Mr. James retired as a diesel engineer from Cummins Engine Co.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Masonic Lodge in Butler, and was a member of the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lorinne L. James of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Jerry Jones of Littleton, Colo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Dawn James of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Carl James of Fremont and Clyde James of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Aschelman.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church, 10001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6:30-8:30 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church building fund.

Arlie Church

HAMILTON. — Arlie "Kevin" Church, 45, of Hamilton died Monday, July 12, 2004, from injuries he suffered in a traffic accident near Butler.

He was born June 15, 1959, in Ashland, Ky., to James Bliss and Margaret (Healy) Church. He spent the majority of his life in northeast Indiana. He was Protestant.

Surviving are one son, Skylar Kevin Church of Butler; eight sisters, Yvonne Payne of Kendallville, Bethel Dickens of Flatwood, Ky., Carrie Opal Ford of Ironton, Ohio, Alva Jean Frazer of Florida, Thelma Kay Church of Florida, Bernadine Church of Butler, Gail Boulware of Arizona and Veva Ann Edwards of Buffalo, Mo.; and four brothers, Darrell Church of Angola, Danny Paul Church of Albion, Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio, and Earnie David Church of Fremont.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Bliss Alfred Church and John Alvin Church.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home at Hamilton. A nephew, the Rev. Forrest R. Church, will officiate. Graveside services will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Skylar Kevin Church Trust Fund.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Norma Scott

ANGOLA — Norma Jean Scott, 71, of Angola died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. Scott was born in Angola on Feb. 17, 1933, to Paul H. and Leota (Miller) Wilsey. She was first married to Herschel Schworm, who preceded her in death, and then to Carl Scott, who died on Feb. 10, 2003.

She retired from Keystone-Rees in Fremont in 1998, was a 35-year member of Women of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are two sons Todd Schworm of Angola Michael Lanning of Fremo brother, Charles Wilsey of Fremont; a sister, Carol M Centennial, Colo.; seven grandchildren and seven g grandchildren.

She was also preceded i death by a granddaughter, Saleigha Lanning, on Oct. 1994.

Services are at noon tod Weicht Funeral Home, Ang with Pastor James Hulbert c ating. Calling will be from a.m. to the time of the servi

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Angola.

Helen Rodeffer

AUBURN — Helen R. Rodeffer, 85, of Auburn, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Gaston, Ind., Mrs. Rodeffer was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Rodeffer of Auburn, and a sister-in-law, Helen Rodeffer of Lountville.

Mrs. Rodeffer was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Jim" Rodeffer, in 1979.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery on South Center Street in Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Terry Carpenter

FORT WAYNE — Terry L. Carpenter, 62, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

A native of Hamilton, he was a truck driver.

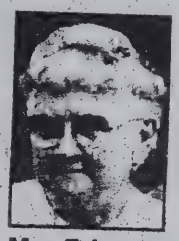
Surviving are his wife, Connie J. Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald and Chuck Carpenter; stepchildren David Bacon of Fort Wayne, Cory Horn of Avilla, Chantell Sharpe of Avilla, and John Horn of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Albright of Florida; and a niece, Linda Eckerley of Decatur.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, with calling one hour prior to the service, at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

Frances Eckrote

NEW CASTLE — Frances Elizabeth "Betty" Eckrote, 78, of New Castle died Monday, July 12, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waters Nursing Home in New Castle.



Mrs. Eckrote

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Russell O. Eckrote Sr.; a daughter, Paula Harter of New Castle; a son and his companion, Russell O. Eckrote Jr. and Sandra Strobel of Auburn; and two sisters, Retta Hurst of Greentown and Helen Guffey of Omaha, Neb.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hinsey-Brown Funeral Home, 3406 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Phyllis Cooper

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis B. Cooper, 76, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was an executive secretary at Dana Corp. for 25 years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and James Mohr of New Haven; seven sons and four daughters-in-law, Michael Cole of Arizona, Tim Cole of Fort Wayne, Alan and Sue Cole of New Haven, Phil and Dianne Cole of Butler, Larry and Peggy Cole of Ossian, Donald Cole of Fort Wayne, Scott and Jacque Cole of Ossian; a stepdaughter and her husband, Candy and Ralph Imbody of Fort Wayne; stepsons Dan Cooper of Montana, Mike Cooper of Florida and Chris Cooper; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Norman C. Cooper in 1998; a brother, Jack Wilson; and her parents, Harry and Beatrice Wilson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Highland Park Cemetery Chapel. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Andrew Hines

FORT WAYNE — Andrew L. Hines, 35, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, July 8, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hines had worked in the construction industry with Pettegrew & Sons for three years.

He was born Oct. 19, 1968, in Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City to Samuel L. and Shirley (Cale) Hines. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two brothers, Chris Hines of Fort Wayne and Jeff Hines of Fort Wayne; and a grandmother, Ruby Fetty of Hartford City.

Services will be at noon Friday at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne with Msgr. Lester from St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery in Hartford City.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Highland Park Cemetery Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Marshall

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn E. Marshall, 95, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Marshall

Mrs. Marshall was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She was born June 20, 1909, in Kendallville to Harry O. and Lilly M. (Fulk) Trowbridge. On Oct. 24, 1927, in Kendallville, she married Verlin V. Marshall. He died May 29, 1997.

Surviving are six grandchildren and their spouses, Edward and Elva McCollough of Ring Gold, Ga., Holly and Dennis O'Neal of Kendallville, Sharon and Jerry Zerby of Berrien Springs, Mich., Richard and Jody Marshall of Seattle, Wash., David and Kristie Marshall of Bremeton, Wash., and Laurene Galbraith of San Diego, Calif.; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Melvin R. Marshall; a daughter, Frances V. Trowbridge, Amos Trowbridge, Herbert "Dutch" Trowbridge and Clarence Trowbridge; and two sisters, Grace Faux and Vivian Trowbridge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Ray Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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John Wentworth Jr.

HOWE — John A. "Jack" Wentworth Jr., 88, of Howe died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Wentworth moved to Howe in 1947 from Mishawaka. He was the owner of Wentworth Electronics of Howe from 1947 to 1989. The business was first known as Jack's Radio Service. In 1951, he expanded the business with his brother and changed the name to Wentworth Appliances. In 1965, it became Wentworth Electronics.

He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, trustee and elder. He was also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star.

He enjoyed woodworking and made woodcrafts under the name Lumber Jack. He served as a volunteer at Maple Wood Nature Preserve in LaGrange County.

Mr. Wentworth was born March 25, 1916, in Mishawaka to John A. Sr. and J. Grace (Dunham) Wentworth. On July 2, 1939, in Sturgis, Mich., he married A. June Blasius. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald G. Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale M. Wentworth of Howe and Myron A. Wentworth of Butler; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Alta Marie Wentworth and Mary Jane Wentworth; and three brothers, Starr Wentworth, Roy Wentworth and Ray Wentworth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

William O'Brien

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — William S. O'Brien, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, in Southfield.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Leach O'Brien of Beverly Hills, Mich.; a daughter, Cynthia A. O'Brien of Rome City, Ind.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Judith and Jim Gerard of Portland, Ore.; four stepsons and their wives, Douglas Leach of San Francisco, Calif., David and Karen Leach of Groton, Vt., Steven and Tina Leach of Seattle, Wash., and Edward Leach of Issaquah, Wash.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Shirley O'Brien of Madison, Ohio, and Francis and Ada O'Brien of Boyne City, Mich.; a sister, Eileen O'Brien of Swansea, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis, in 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, and 30 minutes prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083.

Vearl Gaff

WOLF LAKE — Vearl V. Gaff, 78, of Wolf Lake died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. He had been visiting his daughter, Ann Graft, and her family.

Mr. Gaff had lived in Noble County until moving to Phoenix, Ariz., and later to Illinois following his marriage. He returned to Noble County in 1971 and had resided at Wolf Lake since 1972.

He was employed at Weatherhead in Columbia City for several years and later at Syracuse. He had also been employed at Essex in Columbia City and had driven RVs for Rockwood in Goshen.

Mr. Gaff was affiliated with Ormas Baptist Church and was a member of Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705 F&AM.

He was born May 17, 1926, in LaGrange to Laurel D. and Hilda D. (Leitch) Gaff. On April 22, 1945, he married Frances Jane Piper. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jannie Sue Robert of North Manchester, Ann and Doug Graft of Villa Park, Calif., and Janice Kay and Terry Zorger of North Manchester; a son, James Vearl Gaff of Helena, Mich.; a brother, Allen Gaff of South Whitley; two sisters, Virginia Linvill of Auburnville, Fla., and Doris Paulus of Leesburg; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Ormas Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Lenora Jessup

SPENCERVILLE — Lenora L. Jessup, 84, of Spencerville died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Jessup had lived in the community for 47 years.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Neil and Maggie (Fischer) Lawton.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Jess L. Jessup of Waterloo; two daughters, Barbara Ellen Shepherd and Patricia Ann King, both of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, who died in 1985; a son, Larry Jessup; a daughter, Frances Fisher; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Joan Jessup.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan. The Rev. Jess L. Jessup will officiate. Burial will be in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Tanya Timmis

BUTLER — Tanya Marie Timmis, 19, of Butler died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in a single-car accident at the corner of C.R. 36 and C.R. 59 in rural Butler.

She was born Oct. 31, 1984, in Auburn. She worked at the Blue Moon restaurant in Waterloo.

Surviving are her parents, Harry and Candace (Sweet) Timmis of Butler; a brother, Matthew Wayne Timmis of Butler; a grandmother, Susan Dirrim of Waterloo; a great-grandmother, Iva Dell Dirrim of Waterloo; and her fiance, Brad Fowler.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Stephanie Lynn Timmis.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Tony Brooks will conduct the service.

There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Mary Geller

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ellen Geller, 86, of Fort Wayne and Lake James, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Geller was born in Auburn, and graduated from Huntertown High School and International Business College. She retired from Navistar International Corp. in 1975 after 31 years of service. During her tenure there, she held several professional positions.

Upon retirement, she enjoyed spending time at her homes at Lake James and in Naples, Fla.

She was a member of St. Jude and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic churches, as well as the Fort Wayne Art League and the Steuben County Women's Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Daniel Churchward; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Douglas and Jennifer Schenkel; and a great-grandson, David Schenkel II.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl; and two sisters, Rosemarie Sheets and Annise Grott.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday with a vigil service at 4 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also an hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Dwight Olson Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Dwight B. Olson Jr., 50, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of Auburn Undercar Center and a member of Fellowship Missionary Church.

Mr. Olson

Surviving are his wife, Marty A., and a daughter, Laura, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike D. and Angie Kohlmeier, and a granddaughter, Renee, all of Indianapolis; his mother, Pauline J. Dupuy of Garland, Texas; and three sisters, Dee Holliday of Carrollton, Texas, Bobbi Goldberg of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mindy Thomas of Winsboro, Texas.

Services will be Monday at 2 pm. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fellowship Missionary Church.

Phyllis Sharp

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Sharp, 65, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed collecting bears and angels.

Surviving are her husband, Keith S. Sharp of Fort Wayne; five sons, Timothy A. Sharp, Michael S. Sharp, Steven K. Sharp, Kevin W. Sharp and David J. Sharp, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Linda J. Haaser of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her mother, Betty J. Robbins of Auburn; two brothers, James Robbins of Angola and Larry Robbins of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Sharon Lewis of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were her father, Gerald Robbins Sr., and a brother, Gerald Robbins Jr.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Howard Tredway

FREMONT — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for Howard E. Tredway, 73, of Fremont.

Mr. Tredway died at home on Thursday, July 15, 2004.

Mary Morgan

ANGOLA — Mary Alice Morgan, 79, of Angola died at 10:04 a.m. Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Morgan had moved to Angola in 1999 from Campbellsburg. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 11, 1925, in Muncie the daughter of Harry and Mary (Rales) Knapp. On May 31, 1943, in Winchester she married Paul E. Morgan. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Paula June and Stephen Holloway of Brookville and Jo Beth Abraham of Macomb, Mich.; two sons, Danny D. Morgan of Naples, Fla., and Gary T. Morgan of Decatur; three sisters, Ida Mullen, Christine and Edna; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Shawn F. Morgan on Aug. 10, 1991; and two sisters, Doris and Charlene.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Joan Lash

GARRETT — Joan E. Lash, 80, of Garrett died at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

She was a lifetime area resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Ms. Lash

She was born Jan. 4, 1924, in Avilla the daughter of Herman and Mary (Lemper) Lash.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan Scanlon of Auburn, Diane Evans of San Diego, Calif., Patricia Wiant of Garrett and Rebecca Thrush of Waterloo; a brother, Louis Lash of Avilla; five sisters, Evelyn Evers of Kentland, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Jean Ley of Avilla and Ruth Marti of Mentune, Ill.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Lash, Harold Lash and John Lash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Dorothy Hanneman

WAWAKA — Dorothy "Dottie" A. Hanneman, 70, of Steinbarger Lake, former Noble County Republican chairwoman, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:03 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Hanneman

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Howard Tredway

FREMONT — Howard E. Tredway, 73, of Fremont died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Tredway had been employed as a baker, firefighter, Fremont police officer and a carpenter.

He was a member of American Legion Post 257 in Fremont and Korean Veterans Memorial in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 4, 1931, in Freedom to Isaac and Katie (Cunningham) Tredway.

On April 9, 1955, he married K. Beth Burton. She preceded him in death in May 2002.

Surviving are two sons, James Tredway of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ray Tredway of Colon, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth McNaughton.

Service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, 3170 E. S.R. 120, Fremont. Pastor Jon Bruney will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont Fire Department.

Jill Meeks

FREMONT — Jill C. Meeks, 52, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004.

Mrs. Meeks was a homemaker. She enjoyed her family, reading and latch hook.

She was born Oct. 16, 1951, in Whitley County to Howard and Mary Esther (Weirick) Egly. They survive in Angola.

On May, 25, 1985, she married Roger Meeks. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joey Jarrell of Angola, Kenneth Arney of Huntsville, Ala., and Scott Meeks of Fremont; and two brothers, Howard Egly Jr. and Phillip Egly.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont. Pastor Marilyn Dunten will officiate.

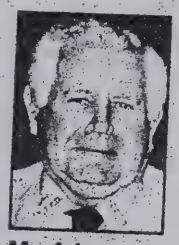
There will be no calling.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, July 17, 2004

Raymond Adams

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond L. "Larry" Adams, 64, a Tri-Lakes resident, rural Columbia City, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital where he was admitted on June 30.



Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams drove a truck for Renners Express in Fort Wayne. He and his father operated Adams Appliance Store in Fort Wayne. In 1988, he moved the business to Columbia City and operated it there until his health failed in 2003.

Mr. Adams was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and a 42-year member of Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School and continued his education at Indiana University in Fort Wayne. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne. While growing up, he spent his summers with his family at Shriner Lake.

He was born Dec. 28, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Raymond O. and Dorothy (Shondell) Adams. They preceded him in death.

On May 18, 1978, he married Charlene D. (Douglas) Curtis. She survives. They had always made their home at Tri-Lakes.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth D. and Deb Adams and Matthew C. and Angie Adams, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny Jo and John Williams of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lora L. and Rick Ware of Fort Wayne; 10 stepgrandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Ed Kaake of Carmel; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Pat Adams of Fort Wayne.

He also was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Kim M. Bird.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, South S.R. 9, Albion, with Father Babasino Fernandes serving as celebrant. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and at the church one hour before the service on Monday.

The Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department will provide an Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Service Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Care House Foundation Inc. at Goshen General Hospital.

Greeley Shoup

EDGERTON, OHIO — Greeley D. "Babe" Shoup, 79, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, in Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Bryan, Ohio.

On March 26, 1925, in Union County, Ohio, he was born to Charles R. and Grace (Black) Shoup. He married Doris M. Kretzer on July 22, 1952, in Defiance County, Ohio. She survives.

He graduated from Riverwood High School, Ohio Northern University and University of Miami, and studied education at the University of Wisconsin and Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Shoup was a teacher and educator for 40 years in Edgerton Local Schools. He was an administrator for 26 years, coached varsity boys' basketball for 12 years, including the 1959 state championship team, coached varsity baseball for 11 years and assumed other coaching duties in Edgerton schools.

He was also a long-time athletic director for the school system, coached summer baseball, Little League Baseball, Pony League baseball and American Legion baseball.

Mr. Shoup was a World War II Navy veteran, serving from March 28, 1943, to March 18, 1946, and assigned to Air Transport Squadron 10 and 24 for two years and then reassigned to the Naval Air Base at Oakland, Calif.

He was a member and elder at the Trinity Bible Church in Edgerton, the Ohio Retired Teacher's Association, the Williams County Retired Teacher's Association and American Legion John D. Smith Post 10, Edgerton.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, LuAnn and William Boyer, Archbold, Ohio, and Lynda and Joseph Mack, Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Jon H. Shoup, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Ilo Jeannette Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Erik and Kristen Boyer and Anthony Mack.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, in Trinity Bible Church with Pastor Matt Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by American Legion John D. Smith Post 10.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

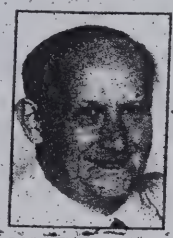
Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to Shoupfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Brian Simmons

KENDALLVILLE — Brian L. Simmons, 46, of 314 Pine Cove Lane, Kendallville, died at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was diagnosed with cancer in May 2004.


Mr. Simmons

On Feb. 6, 1958, in Kendallville, he was born to Larry and Phyllis (Acker) Simmons, both of Kendallville. They survive.

Mr. Simmons was a lifetime Kendallville resident and worked at Uniform Printing from 1976 to 2003. He graduated from East Noble High School in 1976 and attended Faith United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed NASCAR racing and sports including the Chicago Cubs, Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts. He was active in high school sports.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shalea Simmons, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jeffrey and Bobbi Simmons and Patrick and Sue Simmons, all of Butler, and Phillip Simmons, of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Mark Metz officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Dottie Hanneman

WAWAKA — Dottie Hanneman, 70, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died at 11:03 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, from complications from lung cancer.

In Fort Wayne on Dec. 11, 1933, she was born to Robert and Mabel (Tindall) Dressel. Her mother survives in Wawaka. She married Chuck Hanneman on June 12, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He survives at home.

She was Noble County Republican Party Committee chairperson from 1997 to 2002. She also served as Allen County Republican Party precinct committeeperson and had worked as Allen County Deputy Recorder and Auditor.

Mrs. Hanneman served as ombudsman in the Fort Wayne Mayor Robert Armstrong administration and was assistant purchasing director in former Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke's administration.

She had lived in the Wawaka area for 12 years, having moved from Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Zuber Jr., Columbia City, and Douglas Zuber, Waynedale; three daughters, Debbie Larson, Silver Bay, Minn., Denise Tadeo, Fort Wayne, and Dawn Zuber of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father, a brother, Donald Dressel, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with calling from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the services.

In lieu of flowers family memorials are preferred.

Veneta Curry

HAMILTON — Veneta Mae (Smith) Curry, 76, of Hamilton, died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

On Oct. 30, 1927, near Hamilton, she was born to Benjamin and Gertrude (Oberlin) Smith. She married Marion V. Curry on Nov. 19, 1989, in Fremont. He survives.

She was a registered nurse and spent 30 years at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Mrs. Curry graduated from Edon High School in 1945 and the Cook County School of Nursing in 1949. She received a bachelor of science degree and master's degree in Nursing Administration from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill.

During her career she was a head nurse in the surgical department advancing to supervisor of surgical nursing. She was supervisor of nursing service from 1962-1967 and then became supervisor in

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Frieda Gingerich

SHIPSHEWANA — Frieda W. Gingerich, 54, of Shipshewana died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital. She was in failing health for two years.

Mrs. Gingerich was a lifetime Shipshewna resident and a member of the Amish Church.

She was born July 22, 1949, in Elkhart to William S. and Ida (Kauffman) Mast. They are deceased. On May 11, 1972, she married Clarence B. Gingerich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ben Allen and Lorene Gingerich of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Perry Miller of Middlebury and Wilma King of Middlebury; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ora W. and Barbara Ann Mast of Middlebury.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Ervin Raber residence in Shipshewana with Bishop Jerry Miller officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the Ervin Raber residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Chester Haines

WATERLOO — Chester D. Haines, 65, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 17, 2004, in his home.

Mr. Haines

Mr. Haines worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the GE Volunteer Fire Department.

He loved antiques and attending auctions and garage sales. He also loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and car shows.

Born Nov. 25, 1938, in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Theodore and Ella Mae (Leinheart) Haines. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Bluffton.

On March 21, 1991, in Auburn, he married Deloris M. Keller. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tom C. Haines of Waynedale; one daughter and a son-in-law, Jewel and Larry Landers of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Jerry and Lona Nusbaum of Garrett, and Terry and Kim Nusbaum of Hudson; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Teresa and Rick Huth, and Sandy and Allen Myers all of Auburn, and Monica and Regeina, both of Fort Wayne; one brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Nancy Haines of Tallahassee, Fla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Marge and Darrell Blair of Huntington; three grandchildren and several stepgrandchildren, nieces nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Eleanor Kistler

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanor M. Kistler, 74, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Kistler

She retired in 1994 after 25 years of service with Taylor Made in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kistler loved playing cards and bingo with her friends.

She was born April 19, 1930, in Goshen to Elmer and May (Rink) Middaugh.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jack Melkus of Kendallville and Anita and Ron Howard of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchidren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Kistler, in 1959; a granddaughter, Rachael Lower; and a brother, Robert Middaugh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in New Paris Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Max Myers

ANGOLA — Max M. Myers, 81, of Angola died at 11:55 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Myers lived in LaGrange most of his life and was retired from NIPSCO.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215, Masonic Lodge No. 236 F&AM in Angola and the Scottish Rite in South Bend.

He was born May 18, 1923, in LaGrange to Maynard and Esther (Elliott) Myers. On Dec. 14, 1946, in LaGrange, he married Phyllis C. Fought. She died Feb. 16, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Steven Dunlap of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Jane Myers of Angola and Michael M. Myers of LaGrange; and five grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a grandson, Corey Myers in 1981.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Theodore Hurley

COLUMBIA CITY — Theodore Phillip "Phil" Hurley, 76, of Whitley County died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He was admitted there July 12.

Mr. Hurley

He was a dairy farmer and drove a school bus for Thorncreek School for many years. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and the Wolf Lake Lions Club.

Mr. Hurley enjoyed showing registered purebred bulls at national bull shows.

He was born April 18, 1928, in North Manchester to Curtis L. and Alma A. (Royer) Hurley. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 9, 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Zelima. He was discharged on Feb. 18, 1948.

On April 2, 1948, he married Theodora B. "Fig" Trimmer. She died March 6, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Julia Hurley, Ted and Kay Hurley and Jeff Hurley, all of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Pettigrew and Joan and Jim Western, all of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis J. and Shirley Hurley of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Mona Howard of North Judson; a special friend, Dee Miller of Wolf Lake; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Linn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery with military honors.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice Home or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Virginia Heim

SPENCERVILLE — Virginia L. (Noel) Heim, 74, of Spencerville, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Heim

A native of Kansas City, Kan., she was a homemaker, enjoyed cross stitching and loved animals. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Harlan, where she was active in the choir and took care of the church bulletin board.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. David W. Heim and Hope Osborn of Warsaw and John C. and Lynn Heim of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan C. and Richard Musser of St. Joe and Judith L. and Richard Huber of Auburn; a brother, Lloyd Noel Jr. of Spencerville; and 19 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Herbert C. Heim, in 1994, and a son, Michael, in 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 S.R. 37, Harlan, with burial in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Shirley Lobdell

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley J. Lobdell, 69, of Kendallville died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Mary Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Mary L. Rhea, 67, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rhea retired as a teacher's aide from East Noble School Corp.

She was born Jan. 26, 1937, in Steuben County to Ellis and Irma (Zonker) Wisel. She graduated from Riverdale High School in St. Joe in 1955.

On April 28, 1962, in Kendallville, she married Albert L. Rhea. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Allen Rhea of Albion and Andrew Rhea of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Brian Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a sister, Marge Brattain of Palatine, Ill.; and a grandson, Joshua Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Korrine Koeder, and three brothers, Burdette Wisel, Daniel Wisel and Neal Wisel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Noble County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mildred Newnam

ANGOLA — Mildred D. "Dixie" Newnam, 90, of Angola died Sunday, July 18, 2004, while listening to gospel music with her son and daughter at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Mrs. Newnam was born Sept. 7, 1913, in Autryville, N.C., to George H. and JoAnn (Hall) Lewis. She was married to Max Newnam at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on March 26, 1937. He died on Sept. 19, 2002.

The Newnams owned and operated Newnam Tire Service in Angola.

Mrs. Newnam was a 65-year member of the Angola Christian Church. She was a past president and member of the Ladies Aid Society, Ladies Bible Study, Ladies Luncheon Group and Prayer Chain. She was a member of the Past Sorosis Literacy Club, a charter member of the Angola Women's Club, Jamestown Extension Homemakers and the Angola Garden Club. She was an avid bridge player.

Surviving are a son, Louis Newnam of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Douglas Barton of Angola; four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Eva Utley, and a brother, John Lewis.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be one hour before services in Thursday.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Chester Haines

WATERLOO — Chester D. Haines, 65, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 17, 2004 in his home.

Mr. Haines worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the GE Volunteer Fire Department.

He loved antiques and attending auctions and garage sales. He also loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and car shows.

Born Nov. 25, 1938, in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Theodore and Ella Mae (Leinheart) Haines. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Bluffton.

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Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.

Max Cole

LIGONIER — Max R. "Babe" Cole, 61, of Ligonier died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Cole

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Cole retired from Essex Wire/United Technology where he was plant superintendent.

He was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mr. Cole served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Pierceton American Legion Post 258. He loved to play golf and was a member of Limberlost Golf Club. He was proud of scoring a "hole in one" and winning a number of amateur golf tournaments. He also enjoyed coon hunting.

He was born March 9, 1943, in Pierceton to Raymond M. and T. Irene (Fawley) Cole. On Feb. 4, 1966, in Noble County, he married Phyllis Whitaker. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Ray Cole of Ligonier; a daughter, Angela Rena Stutzman of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Elsie Cole of South Whitley and Rex E. and Phyllis Cole of Albion; and three grandchildren, Derek Bentley, Mitch Bentley and Mason Stutzman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian Max Cole.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ or Shiloh Baptist Church.

Thomas Bins

AVILLA — Thomas W. Bins, 75, of Avilla died Sunday, July 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bins served as vice president of marketing at Magnavox Corp. for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

He was a native of Houghton, Mich., and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Nancy Pollard of Fort Wayne, Margaret and Jeff Anderson of New Haven, Catherine and Michael Leonard of Butler, Mary and Paul Fritz of Anderson and Teresa and Gene Lash of Ashley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and Shelly Bins of Clearwater, Fla., and John Bins of Sanford, N.C.; a sister, Sister Vera Chester of St. Paul, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund, St. Paul Province, 1884 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

Darrin O'Brien

FREMONT — Darrin G. O'Brien, 73, of Fremont died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. O'Brien was a chef with Grayhound Foods in Warren, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served from Jan. 31, 1951, to April 7, 1955, during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Michael and Stella (McDonell) O'Brien. In 1979, in Madison Heights, Mich., he married Sharon Brenton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Gerald Force of Warren, Mich.; a son, Shane Layne of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Father Kevin O'Brien of Novi, Mich., and Michael O'Brien of Kathleen, Fla.; a good friend, Lois Carter of Fremont; and two granddaughters, Bailey Scholtus and Sarah Scholtus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eldon O'Brien.

Services will be held in Novi, Mich.

There is no local calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Scott Hatfield

FREMONT — Robert Scott Hatfield, 41, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Branch County, Mich.

Mr. Hatfield was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Worthington, Minn., to Richard "Dick" and Rena Hatfield. He was married to Lee Ann Lantz in Fremont on Oct. 5, 1991, and she survives.

He was the owner, along with his wife, of Jungle Gym's Family Fun and Food restaurant in Angola. He was formerly employed as the senior vice president for Batson's Food Brokerage of Detroit, and managed the company's Indiana-Ohio-Kentucky regional office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Drake University in Des Moines. He served an internship in U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's office while attending American University. He attended the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and Alexander Hatfield, both of Fremont; a daughter, Molly Hatfield of Fremont; his parents, Richard and Rena Hatfield of Burlington, Iowa; a sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Cliff Gray of Quincy, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Liz Hatfield of Des Moines; his mother-in-law, Kathy Lantz; his grandparents-in-law, Thelma and Max Mitchell; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Tom and Julie Lantz and Steve and Leslie Lantz; a sister-in-law and her husband, Paige and Mark Dornte; four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the memorial scholarship fund for the Hatfield children's education.

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Darrin O'Brien

FREMONT — Darrin "O.B." G. O'Brien, 73, of Fremont died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. O'Brien was a chef with Greyhound Foods in Warren, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served from Jan. 31, 1951, to April 7, 1955, during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Michael and Stella (McDonell) O'Brien. In 1979, in Madison Heights, Mich., he married Sharon Brenton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Gerard Force of Warren, Mich.; a son, Shane Layne of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Father Kevin O'Brien of Novi, Mich., and Michael and Kathleen O'Brien of Florida; a good friend, Lois Carter of Fremont; and two granddaughters, Bailey Scholtus and Sarah Scholtus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Elden O'Brien.

Services will be in Novi, Mich.

There is no local calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Pratt

KIMMELL — Betty Joan Pratt, 75, of Kimmell died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Pratt

Mrs. Pratt was retired from Starcraft RV. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, playing bingo and had been on a bowling team. She was a die-hard Cubs fan.

Mrs. Pratt was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., to George A. and Nellie M. (Baker) Leatherman. On March 10, 1954, in Jacksonville, Fla., she married William M. "Mackie" Pratt. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy M. and Katie Pratt of Kimmell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa J. and Rich Roush of Fort Wayne and Leeanne S. Peirce of Kimmell; a sister, Gloria J. Beckner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alton Leatherman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the U.S. Navy Memorial, Box 12728, Arlington, VA 22209.

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Richard Hatfield

FREMONT — Richard Scott Hatfield, 41, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Branch County, Mich.

Mr. Hatfield was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Worthington, Minn., to Richard "Dick" and Rena Hatfield. He was married to Lee Ann Lantz in Fremont on Oct. 5, 1991, and she survives.

He was the owner, along with his wife, of Jungle Gym's Family Fun and Food restaurant in Angola. He was formerly employed as the senior vice president for Batson's Food Brokerage of Detroit, and managed the company's Indiana-Ohio-Kentucky regional office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Drake University in Des Moines. He served an internship in U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's office while attending American University. He attended the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and Alexander Jeffrey and Liz Hatfield of Des Moines; his mother-in-law, Kathy Lantz; his grandparents-in-law, Thelma and Max Mitchell; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Tom and Julie Lantz and Steve and Leslie Lantz; a sister-in-law and her husband, Paige and Mark Dornte; four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the memorial scholarship fund for the Hatfield children's education.

LaMar Emerick

FREMONT — LaMar C. Emerick, 86, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Emerick was born in Fremont on Nov. 7, 1917, to Lyle and Mary (Huffman) Emerick. He married Leona Albright on Sept. 20, 1941, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives.

He was a farmer. He was employed at the Steuben County Co-op, and retired in 1980.

He was a member of the Fremont School Board from 1970-78. He was a former Clear Lake Township Advisory Board member. He was a member of Zion Missionary Church in Fremont, and was a member of the former York United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Karen Emerick of Fort Wayne, Stephen D. and Brenda Emerick of Longmont, Colo., and Craig L. and Christine Emerick of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda K. and Gene Force of Montgomery, Mich., and Joanna M. and John Jerraid of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a niece; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marcia Worral; a great-grandson, Alexander Jordon; and a sister, Margaret Kaufman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Keith Schreffler officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Zion Missionary Church or Teeters Cemetery Association.

Shirley Lobdell

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley J. Lobdell, 69, of Kendallville died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Lobdell

She had been employed at various locations in Kendallville, including J.C. Penney, G.C. Murphy, Essex Wire, Brach's Candies, Colwell and King-Seely. She had also been a housekeeper for the Dekko family.

Mrs. Lobdell was a member of the Kendallville Women of the Moose Chapter 730 and since 1962 was a College of Regents member. She had held all local lodge offices.

She was born March 14, 1935, in LaGrange to Charles Edward and Esther Lucille (Aukerman) Wymer.

She was a 1954 graduate of Kendallville High School.

On Oct. 14, 1972, in Kendallville, she married William E. Lobdell. He died Nov. 22, 1980.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Thomas and Terri Lobdell of Lincoln, Neb.; three stepdaughters, Jane Jacob of Kendallville, Laura Lobdell of Kendallville, and Becky Mumma of Garrett; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth Austin of Fort Wayne, Patricia and Robert Easterday of Kendallville, and Nancy and Robert Myers of Warren, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Charles B. and Gloria Wymer of Churubusco, Richard L. and Sharon Wymer of Frankton, Gary and Carol Wymer of Avilla, and Dennis Wymer of Kendallville; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flickenger officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with a Women of the Moose service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Moose charities.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lois Smith

FORT WAYNE — Lois Jean Smith, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a LaOtto native.

She had been a waitress at the Sears Coffee Shop, retiring in 1977.

Surviving are three sons, Max A. Smith of Hudson, Lynn C. Smith of Fort Wayne and Terry L. Smith of Fort Wayne; a brother, Vern "Bud" Christlieb of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vera M. Archbold of Ossian; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Smith, in 2001; and a daughter, Connie L. Jackson, in 2002.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Fannie Thompson

CROMWELL — Fannie E. Thompson, 65, of Cromwell died at 8:04 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker and formerly lived in Columbia City, Laud, Fort Wayne and Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Fort Wayne to John and Jenny Etta (LeMaster) Hurst. She attended Fort Wayne Community Schools.

On Dec. 10, 1979, in Cromwell, she married Arthur D. Thompson. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Rose Sabin of Cromwell and Brian and Teresa Sabin of Syracuse; a stepson and his wife, Randall and Rachell Thompson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Elsie Fett of Wesley, Iowa, Dorothy Emberlin of Payson, Ariz., and Joan Sabin of Grand Rapids, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Roger Allen Sabin; a sister, Mary Simmons; and a brother, John Hurst Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Laud Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Phillip Shulze

FORT WAYNE — Phillip H. Shulze, 88, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1976 after 40 years with General Electric Co. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a 1934 graduate of Elmhurst High School.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Shulze of Fremont; a daughter, Theresa Amans of Fort Wayne; a son, Jack Shulze of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Greg Shulze, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday with calling two hours prior to the service at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association.

Irene Stowe

PLEASANT LAKE — Irene Z. Stowe, 83, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Stowe was born June 6, 1921, in Traverse City, Mich., to John and Maude (Hoxie) Hockett. She was married to H. John Stowe on Oct. 27, 1944, and he survives.

She was a manager and waitress at The Town House restaurant in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Stowe of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Agnes K. McLaughlin of Tennessee; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Troy Stowe.

Private family services are planned.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Phil Sheeler

COLUMBIA CITY — Phil Larue Sheeler, 87, of Columbia City died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at 10:40 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Columbia City.

He had worked as an office clerk at International Harvester for more than 40 years.

He was a 1935 graduate of South Whitley High School and studied at International Business College in Fort Wayne. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served as a Yeoman 1st Class on the aircraft carrier USS Tripoli until his honorable discharge in 1945. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he held various offices, and its men's club.

Mr. Sheeler was born March 16, 1917, in Columbia City to Glen and Alma (Auer) Sheeler.

He married C. Bernadine "Bea" Kraemer on Feb. 28, 1945, in Alexandria, Va. They resided in Fort Wayne until May 1948, when they moved to their present home in Columbia Township. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Lois Sheeler of Dallas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Ted Smith of Bluffton and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Sheeler of Auburn; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Betty Kresky of Toms River, N.J.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Gary L. Sheeler; and a grandson, Travis R. Sheeler.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church on West Keiser Road, Columbia City. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in rural Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2:30 to 4 and 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. John's Lutheran Church or its building fund.

L. Bernice Wilkinson

COLUMBIA CITY — L. Bernice Wilkinson, 99, of Columbia City died at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Wilkinson graduated in 1923 from Wolcottville High School and moved to South Bend where she was employed at the Ball Band shoe factory and the Bendix watch factory.

She was born May 28, 1905, in LaGrange to Squire Oren and Nellie May (Coney) Brown. Her maternal grandparents, William Coney and Elizabeth Pant, immigrated as children to LaGrange County from Middle Rasen, Lincolnshire, England, he in 1859 and she in 1873. Her paternal grandparents, Merrick Richard Brown and Della Ann Notestine, were early settlers of LaGrange County, he being born in 1835 in Oswego County, N.Y., and she in 1846 in Sandusky County, Ohio.

On May 29, 1929, she married Ellis Chester Wilkinson. They lived in South Bend; Logansport; Findlay, Ohio; and Monroe, Mich. At the end of World War II they moved to Whitley County. In 1957 they moved to Columbia City. Mr. Wilkinson died June 18, 1973.

Surviving are a son, E. Lynn Wilkinson of Exton, Pa.; a granddaughter, Dr. Jody Wilkinson of Tucson, Ariz; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail Romero.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline, and two brothers, Kenneth Brown and Keith Brown.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Michael Bienz

ANGOLA — Michael J. Bienz, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bienz was born in Angola to Arthur E. and Dorothy (Petre) Bienz. He was a Class A machinist. He married Geannie Sharp on Oct. 31, 1993, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Dorothy Bienz of Angola; two sons, Brian and Timothy Bienz, both of Blairsville, Pa.; a daughter, Heather Bienz of New Castle, Pa.; and two stepdaughters, Ginny King of Tekonsha, Mich., and Jenny Gillette of New Castle.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1982.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family.

Lynn Sassmannshausen

FORT WAYNE — Lynn J. Sassmannshausen, 61, of Fort Wayne died at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sassmannshausen spent more than 30 years in teaching ministry of the Lutheran church. Most of those years were spent teaching seventh grade at Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School. Her ability to set the bar high, love and motivate were her hallmarks.

She had received a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University and a master's degree from Indiana University.

She was a strong Christian and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and also attended Trinity English Lutheran Church.

She was born Aug. 28, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., to Martin A. and Dorothea (Seilef) Breischke. Her mother survives in Arlington Heights, Ill.; and her father is deceased. On Jan. 25, 1964, she married Walter B. "Skip" Sassmannshausen Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Jeffrey and Loretta Sassmannshausen and Dr. Gregory and Jill Sassmannshausen, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Martin Brieschke of Prospect, Ky.; two sisters, Melodie Streich of Detroit, Mich., and Lori Seal of Schaumburg, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Connor, Carsen, Hannah, Luke and Jacob.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Thomas Egghold officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mercile Buuck

GARRETT — Mercile S. "Marty" Buuck, 77 of Garrett died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A former resident of Fort Wayne, she was employed by Lincoln Bank in Fort Wayne for 10 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 25, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Emma (Saalfrank) Nord.

She married Vernon H. Buuck on April 19, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra K. Derloshon of Garrett, Sharon L. Bredemeyer of Fort Wayne, and Susan M. Rodewald of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Avis Vogt

ESTES PARK, Colo. — Former Fremont resident Avis Eileen (Peeler) Vogt, 79, of Estes Park, Colo., died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Prospect Park Living Center in Estes Park.

Mrs. Vogt was born June 26, 1924, in Kokomo, to Hollis and Vera Peeler. She was married to Earl Christian Vogt, and he preceded her in death in March, 1989.

She worked at her father's soda shop at Clear Lake around 1945. Later, she managed various beauty salons, including Marshall Field's in Chicago and Wolf & Dessauer and the Corner House in Fort Wayne.

She then worked for several years for General Telephone before retiring and moving to Punta Gorda, Fla.

During her time at Clear Lake, she was a vocalist for the Jimmy Stier Orchestra. His band often performed at Bledsoe's Beach and the Hamilton Lake Dance Pavilion.

Surviving are three sons, Michael L. Greenwalt of San Marcos, Calif., Steven C. Vogt of Estes Park and Robert A. Vogt of Slidell, La.; a brother, William J. Peeler of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mary Jo Freeman

GARRETT — Mary Jo Freeman, 73, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 7:12 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Freeman

Mrs. Freeman was a 45-year Garrett resident and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

She retired from Essex/Hamil-ton Standard in 1987 after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles and a former Girl Scout leader.

Born June 28, 1931, in Uniontown, Kan., she was the daughter of Fred and Josephine (Abbott) Swink. Her parents preceded her in death.

While serving in the U.S. Army, she married Malcolm N. Freeman on Jan. 18, 1957, in Bremerhaven, Germany. He died March 16, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Rebecca Mullins of Garrett, Louane Isham of Auburn, and Joan Bentley of Clearwater, Kan.; a son, William Freeman of Clearfield, Utah; four grandsons, Chris Bailey, Donald Junior Bailey, Jason Bailey and Richard Isham; five granddaughters, Amelia Isham, Joni Isham, Kimberly Isham, Erin Freeman, and Lindsey Freeman; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Thursday, July 22, 2004

John Danico

ORLANDO, Fla. — John M. Danico, 35, of Orlando and a former Kendallville, Ind., resident, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

He had served this year as a Third Class Petty Officer in Iraq with the U.S. Navy Seabees and the U.S. Marine Corps. He had recently returned stateside and named an Active Navy Reservist.

He was born Jan. 12, 1969, in St. Paul, Minn., to Fred and Ruth Danico. While living in Kendallville, he attended Wayne Center Elementary School until the family relocated to Elkhorn, Wis.

After high school Mr. Danico moved to Orlando.

He is survived by his wife, Marisol, of Orlando; three children, Trevor, Amanda and Allyson, all of Orlando; three stepchildren; his parents, Ruth and Fred Danico of Milwaukee, Wis., and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Bill Zollars of Convoy, Ohio, and Beth and Gerry Andino of Milwaukee.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Wood National Cemetery, 5000 W. National Ave., Bldg. 1301, Milwaukee, Wis.

Memorials are to the John Danico Memorial Fund at 9282 Green View Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53224 to be used as an educational fund for his children.

Barbara Pranger

CHURUBUSCO — Barbara E. Pranger, 74, of rural Churubusco died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized since a traffic accident in Allen County July 13.

Mrs. Pranger

Mrs. Pranger was a homemaker and was an Avon representative for several years. She had also been employed in the jewelry department at L.S. Ayres and at Super Market Services.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. She enjoyed swimming, fishing and cooking. She and her husband enjoyed spending the winter months in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Pranger was born Nov. 8, 1929, in Allen County to Joseph and Eloise (Ardern) McGuire. She grew up in Green Township in Noble County. On Aug. 23, 1952, in Whitley County, she married Donald M. Pranger. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Donald B. Pranger of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Geiger of Churubusco and Joan and Walter Keller of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jean McGuire of Churubusco and Robert and Janet McGuire of Merriam; and three grandchildren, David Pranger, Andy Pranger and Elizabeth Pranger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Ernest Ritchie

STROH — Ernest Ritchie, 70, of Stroh died at 11:29 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne. He had been in ill health seven months and seriously ill four weeks.

Mr. Ritchie was employed at Coachman in Middlebury for 12 years, retiring in 1987. He had lived most of his life in Stroh after leaving Kentucky at age 15.

He was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Hazard, Ky., to General Lee "Bud" and Lona (Cones) Ritchie.

Surviving are a daughter, Stacey Stewart of White Pigeon, Mich.; three sons, Matt Ritchie of White Pigeon, Mark Ritchie of White Pigeon and Billy Joe Ritchie of Alabama; four sisters, Mayoma Doberson of Auburn, Roseann Crank of Louisville, Ky., Zena Merril of Dun, Tenn., and Dora Hurt of Hardburly, Ky.; two grandchildren, Hope Ritchie and Missy Hanah Marie Barnes; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two daughters and a son.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Society.

Friday, July 23, 2004

Paul Beerman

FORT WAYNE — Paul H. Beerman, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beerman was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Fort Wayne. He was a salesman and worked for Kirby, Niagra and Sears.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 241. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and earned a Purple Heart.

His hobbies included fishing and hunting. He was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Hannah (Jones) Beerman; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Ann Beerman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Paulana Beerman and Paulette "Peachie" and Jerry Rauner, all of Fort Wayne, and Patty and Les Martz of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Jerica, Garret, Lindsey and Matthew.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bob, Rex, Bill and Donald; and a sister, Joan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Poe Williamsport Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military services conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 241.

Memorials are to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Roma Hedrick

CHURUBUSCO — Roma G. Hedrick, 85, of Churubusco died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident at U.S. 33 and Cook Road.

Mrs. Hedrick was a homemaker, and had lived in Churubusco with a daughter and son-in-law for the past four years.

She was born Oct. 11, 1918, in Wolfe, W.Va.

A member of the Corunna House of Prayer and the First Assembly of God, she was known for her enjoyment of life and her kindness and generosity.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Rosa Lee and Sterling Moye of Spanishburg, W.Va., Rita and Edwin Swinehart of Huntertown, Linda and Larry Deventer of Huntertown, Judy and Anthony Lawyer of Garrett, and Angie and Jerry Triplett of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Linda Hedrick of Fort Wayne and Roger Hedrick of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Kent, Kathy, Edwin Jr., David, Jeff, Brian, Stephanie, Jennifer, Lisa, Christina and Charlie; seven great-grandchildren, Matt, Richey, Austin, Carter, Tyler, Katelyn and Haley; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Woodrow, her twin, and Louise Wilburn of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Sanda Wilburn of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Elizabeth Laxton and Irene Kearney; three sisters-in-law, Annie Manning, Pearl Purdy Chambers and Evelyn Kade; and a special friend, Malinda.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland Hedrick, who died May 21, 1990, and three children, John, Mary and Ronald Lee.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Pastor Robert Monroe will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family and the Diabetes Association.

John Loveday

FORT WAYNE — John R. Loveday, 76, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Loveday was a truck driver for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He was a Navy veteran and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846, Churubusco, and Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Loveday of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Ed DeMarco of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jessie Strevel of Powell, Tenn.; a granddaughter and her husband, Melinda and Ron Smethers of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Shane and Angie Loveday of Fort Wayne and Shane and Chrissie DeMarco of Garrett; six great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Eva Loveday of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was a son, Danny L. Loveday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Friday, July 23, 2004

Mildred Jordan

MUNCIE — Mildred Vesta Jordan, 98, of Muncie died Wednesday morning, July 21, 2004, at Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center after an extended illness.

She was born in Waterloo on Nov. 5, 1905, to Jacob and Estella Snyder. She was a member of High Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karla and Ted Hayden of Leesburg, Fla., and Stella and Joe Whiteman of The Villages, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Lois Howe of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Betty Howe of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Melford and Helen Snyder of Fort Wayne; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Jordan; two sons, Ralph Howe and Daniel Jordan; and two stepsons, James Jordan and Jerry Jordan.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in White City Cemetery, Spencerville. The Rev. Dale Williams of the Auburn First United Methodist Church will officiate.

Cremation will take place, with arrangements coordinated by Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. S.R. 3, Muncie.

Earl Fulk

WOLCOTTVILLE — Earl Fulk, 91, of Wolcottville died at 10:02 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville, where he had resided since June 2003.

Mr. Fulk was a lifetime area resident and had retired as a foreman May 5, 1979, from Flint & Walling after 28 years of service.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He was born July 29, 1912, in Noble County the son of William H. and Nora L. (Richards) Fulk. On July 2, 1949, in Kendallville he married Wilma M. Deems. She died in 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Eric Lee and Michelle Johnston of Wolcottville; and a grandson, Grant Johnston.

Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Phema Fulk and Georgia Fulk; and two brothers, Olie Fulk and Frank Fulk.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Mark Metz officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Lu Ellen Werker

ALBION — Lu Ellen K. Werker, 49, of Albion died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, at her mother's home in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Marvin Poyser

COLUMBIA CITY — Marvin G. Poyser, 82, of Whitley County died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Poyser

Mr. Poyser had worked at Bob Porter Chevrolet in Ligonier from 1955 until he retired in 1992.

He was a member and past commander of the American Legion Post in Cromwell and a 4-H leader in Noble County from 1961 until 1972.

Mr. Poyser was born July 21, 1922, in Noble County the son of George M. and G. Ethel (Hursey) Poyser. He completed his education at Cromwell High School.

On Jan. 4, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged July 18, 1945.

On Sept. 27, 1950, he married Jean F. Leslie. The couple made their home in Kimmell and at Crooked Lake before moving to their present home in 1999.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vanessa and Bob Davidsen of Jackson, Mich., and Valerie and Melvin Wietfeldt of Columbia City; three brothers, Arthur Poyser of Cromwell, Jess Poyser of Cromwell and the Rev. Donald Poyser of North Webster; and three grandchildren, Christopher Davidsen and his wife, Liz, Bradley Davidsen and Jessica Wietfeldt.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Alfrieda Dolan

ANGOLA — Alfrieda Dolan, 81, of Angola died Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

A Chicago, Ill., native, she was born Jan. 18, 1923, to Stanley and Victoria (Kukuka) Bartosik. Mrs. Dolan lived in Angola since 1965, working as a registered nurse at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for 24 years. She worked in surgery and obstetrics and managed central supply. She also spent nine years at Marine Hospital in Chicago.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Dolan of Angola; a son, Tom Dolan; a daughter, June Hayes; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No services will be held.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes for birth defects or the American Heart Association for vascular defects.

Arrangement are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Luellen Werker

ALBION — Luellen Kay Werker, 49, of Albion died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, at her mother's residence in Albion.

She was born to Charles Lewis and H. Beth (Moore) Werker on June 29, 1955, in LaGrange. She was a lifetime area resident.

She graduated from West Noble High School in 1973, and earned a degree in nursing from Purdue University in 1977.

She worked as a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her mother; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Dennis Meyer of North Webster and Jane and Jim Brickey of Ligonier; a brother, Charles Ray "Chuck" Werker of Kimmell; two nieces and their spouses, Jill and James Stiles of Bluffton and Joy and Trent Wert of Ligonier; two nephews, Scott Dean Meyer of Indianapolis and Dave Yankosky of Milford.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with Pastor Ann Marshall presiding.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Homes.

Phillip Grove

AVON PARK, Fla. — Phillip E. Grove, 65, of Avon Park and formerly of LaGrange County, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Heartland Walker Hospital in Sebring, Fla., of natural causes.

Mr. Grove was born in Brighton on May 2, 1939, to Elwood and Edith (McKenzie) Grove. The preceded him in death.

He married Carol Elkins in Clinton, Va., on Jan. 14, 1980. She survives in Avon Park, Fla.

Also surviving are a son, William Grove of Angola; two daughters, Kieata Mentser of Angola and Vianna Elkins of Stroh; two stepdaughters, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla., and Cindy Watkins of Angola; three sisters, Phyllis Huffnagle of Millersburg, Beverly Cornett of Rome City and Karon Leu of LaGrange; a brother, Terry Grove of Rome City; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Saturday, July 24, 2004

Dorothy White

GARRETT — Dorothy M. White, 89, of Garrett, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at 5:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifetime Garrett resident, Mrs. White was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and an avid bridge player. She traveled extensively worldwide.

She was born Dec. 4, 1914, to Frank and Florence (McKennan) Erickson.

On March 20, 1934, at the First Presbyterian Church in Garrett, she married Oren Bradford "Brad" White. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William B. White of Garrett and James A. and Diane White of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Janice L. White of Kendallville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Linda Ann White.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Cremation will take place, with arrangements coordinated by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association, in care of Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, IN 46738.

Richard Smith

BROWNSBURG — Richard L. Smith, 72, of Brownsburg, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 9, 1931, in Auburn to Leverett B. and Helen (McConkey) Smith. His parents preceded him in death.

He had lived in Brownsburg for 34 years, and worked as a heating and cooling engineer for Bryant Heating & Cooling Carrier Division for 20 years, retiring in 1993. He formerly worked at Bohn Aluminum Co. in Danville, Ill.

He was a graduate of Purdue University, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of Brownsburg American Legion Post 331 and Clayworsville Elks Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Alice (Nimrick) Smith; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Kelly Smith of Brownsburg; a sister, Betsy Swartz of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two grandsons, Mason and Noah Smith.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in Matthews Mortuary, 690 E. 56th St., Brownsburg. The Rev. Dennis Dodson of Faith Congregational Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brownsburg Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Matthews Mortuary.

Arthur Priest

GREENFIELD — Arthur B. Priest, 94, of Greenfield died Thursday, July 22, 2004.

A Noble County native, he was born Dec. 31, 1909 to Clarence M. and Ella M. (Baker) Priest. He graduated from Albion High School in 1928.

Six years later he graduated from Askin School of Mortuary Science working as a professional funeral director and worker until 1987. He worked first at Lynam Funeral Home in Greenfield and Alexander & Son Funeral Home in Evansville. Most recently, Mr. Priest worked as a funeral director for Pasco Memorial Mortuary from 1952-1987.

Mr. Priest and his surviving wife, Gertrude (Surfus) Priest of Greenfield, were members of Trinity Park United Methodist Church. The two married Oct. 17, 1931.

Mr. Priest was also a 50-year member of the Greenfield Odd Fellows Lodge and the Hancock F.&A.M. 101.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Priest is survived by a son, James E. Priest of Bainbridge, Ga.; a daughter, Sue Ann Bennett of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, granddaughter and great-grandson.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Pasco-Stillinger Funeral Home in Greenfield with the Rev. Michael Manning officiating. Burial will be in Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Park United Methodist Church or the Odd Fellows Home in Greensburg.

Lynn Richter

FREMONT — Lynn M. Richter, 59, of Fremont died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Richter was a homemaker. Her hobbies included collecting Christmas ornaments, gardening and planting, being outdoors with trees and spending time with her dog, Jake, a golden retriever.

She was born Nov. 11, 1944, to Chalmer and Magdalen (Hake) Fisher in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. She married Michael P. "Mike" Richter on Sept. 3, 1976, in Angola. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving is a son, Shannon D. Smith of Fremont.

There will be no service or calling.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Marion Brown

TOPEKA — Marion "Sues" Brown, 74, of Topeka died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement, she worked for many years at Starcraft. Her hobbies included creating oil paintings, ceramics, quilts, knitting and crocheting. Spending time playing games and going on adventures with her children, and later her grandchildren, was important to her. She loved to sing.

She was born Nov. 11, 1929, to John Frederic and Gertrude (Yoder) Rheinheimer in Bismarck, N.D. She moved to Shipshewana with her family in 1939. She lived in Detroit for a few years before moving to Topeka for the rest of her life.

While growing up, she was an athlete. She played on an Indiana state softball team and won several bowling trophies for high scores. She raised three children by herself by working two jobs and doing sewing on the side.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Clarence Lewin and Connie and Troy Williams; a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Cindy Brown; a niece and nephew-in-law, Sharon and Marty Marks; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin Brown, Crystal Brown, Brad and Amy Lewin, Nicole William and Brian Bigham, Lisa and Travis Lewin, Lori Brown and Ryan Brown; three great-grandchildren, Noah Lewin, Jake Lewin and Ella Lewin; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Babe Rheinheimer and Stanley "Tar" and Valerie Rheinheimer; and a sister and brother-in-law, Della Mae "Babs" and Bill Hooley.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Marjorie Rheinheimer, Ray "Bud" and Florence Rheinheimer, Jake and Kathy Rheinheimer, Scott and Phyllis Rheinheimer, Jim and Jean Rheinheimer and Bill and Clara Rheinheimer; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Vernon Rheinheimer Mishler.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials may be directed through Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Her family requests that people with memories of Marion "Sues" Brown should send them to her children at P.O. Box 54, Topeka, IN 46571 or to cindylewin@skyenet.net.

Fannie Schrock

GOSHEN — Fannie Mae Schrock, 62, of Goshen died at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Schrock was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Conservative Mennonite Church in Nappanee.

She was born Nov. 20, 1941, to Ezra and Katie (Yoder) Harshberger in Goshen. She lived in the Goshen area all her life. She married Noah A. Schrock on June 1, 1967. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Schrock of Goshen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Tanya Schrock and Alvin and Melody Schrock, all of Goshen, and Lavern Schrock of Pensacola, Fla.; three grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Hershberger of Middlebury; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, Melvin and Orpha Hershberger of Gambier, Ohio, Leroy and Wilma Hershberger of Shipshewana and Vern and Rachel Hershberger, Alvin and Esther Hershberger and Roman and Katie Harshberger, all of Nappanee.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Fair Haven Mennonite Church, east of Goshen. Bishop Lyle Miller of Bethel Conservative Mennonite Church and the Revs. Marvin Yoder and John W. Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Celestial Linthicum

FORT WAYNE — Celestial Breeze Linthicum, 21 days old, of Fort Wayne died Friday, July 23, 2004, at home of natural causes.

She was born July 2, 2004, to Drew and Jennifer Linthicum. They survive.

Also surviving is a sister, Alaura Linthicum of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Robert and Vonda Hogan of Kendallville, Craig Linthicum of Kendallville and Kathy Linthicum of Auburn; and great-grandparents, Rita McCormick of Manchester, Tenn., Sarah Hannah of Alabama, Glen and Pat Barr of Kendallville and Ed and Fran Linthicum of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandfathers, William McCormick and William Hannah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Orange Township Cemetery in Rome City.

There will be no calling.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

The following obituary is being republished to add information.

Paul Beerman

FORT WAYNE — Paul H. Beerman, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beerman was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Fort Wayne. He was a salesman and worked for Kirby, Niagra and Sears.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 241. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and earned a Purple Heart.

His hobbies included fishing and hunting. He was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Hannah (Jones) Beerman; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Ann Beerman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Paulana Beerman and Paulette "Peachie" and Jerry Rauner, all of Fort Wayne, and Patty and Les Martz of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Jerica, Garrett, Lindsey and Matthew.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bob, Rex, Bill and Donald; and a sister, Joan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Poe Williamsport Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military services conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 241.

Memorials are to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

Harold Farrell

FORT WAYNE — Harold B. Farrell, 74, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at 3:20 a.m. in Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mr. Farrell served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He retired from the Navy in 1968 after 20 years of service. He then retired from the material control department at Magnavox in 1991. After his retirement, he worked part-time for Fort Wayne Auto Auction.

He was a member of American Legion Post 47 and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 348.

He was born June 3, 1930, in Versailles to Harold E. and Ruth (Pettit) Farrell.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Farrell of Fort Wayne; two sons, Patrick Farrell of Fort Wayne and Michael Farrell of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, Clyde Farrell of Denver; three grandchildren; and a longtime companion, Sue Cherry of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Farrell, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Larry Hansbarger

FREMONT — Larry DeFord Hansbarger, 82, of Fremont died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after being stricken with a brain aneurysm three days earlier.

Mr. Hansbarger

Mr. Hansbarger was born Nov. 21, 1921, in Canton, Ohio, to Earl David and Ruth Matilda (Martin) DeFord Hansbarger. He married Joan Arline Beatty on Sept. 20, 1952. She survives.

He was a 1939 graduate of Ansonia High School in Ansonia, Ohio. He was an engineering graduate of The Ohio State University, and was an honorably discharged World War II veteran. He was stationed in the Pacific and occupied Japan as a B-24 Liberator weather reconnaissance pilot as a first lieutenant in the Third Attach Group Fifth Air Force.

Larry and Joan lived in the Chicago area of Lombard, Ill., for three years while Larry worked and traveled for the Oil Insurance Association. In 1955, they moved with their new son, Mark, to Clear Lake, to take over Joan's parents' resort, Clear Lake (Cottage) Apartments. The apartments were built on the lake's north shore in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and they are still family operated.

Mr. Hansbarger worked in the engineering department of Allied Products Corp., a Hillsdale, Mich., conglomerate, followed by two years as assistant plant manager at the company's Eaton Rapids, Mich., division. When Allied purchased 13 acres of the Studebaker Co. in South Bend, he supervised the operational start-up there. After that, he was promoted to corporate vice president of manufacturing and physical resources at Allied.

He served the town of Clear Lake for 13 years — as clerk-treasurer for two years, and later on the town board. He served as chairman of the board until 1970, and was instrumental in the purchase of the Clear Lake Town Hall, the hiring of a town marshal, and other endeavors. He retired from the board because he was required to do extensive traveling in his job with Allied.

In the mid-1970s, the Hansbargers were half-partners in the construction and development of Clear Lake's Hazenhurst Shores Condominiums, one of the first condominium projects in Indiana.

The couple became winter residents of Corkscrew Woodlands in Estero, Fla., in the 1980s, where they were active in the community.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Elizabeth Hansbarger of Lake James, Brian Hansbarger of Clear Lake and Dean Hansbarger of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and John Barrett of Clear Lake; a brother, Alan Minnich Hansbarger of Ansonia; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for September at Clear Lake, with a memorial service at a later date in Florida.

George Skordos

FORT WAYNE — George "Mike" Skordos, 78, of Fort Wayne died Friday, July 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Skordos had been an electronics engineer at Tokheim Corp. for 26 years, retiring in 1992. He had also made neon signs for 50 years and operated the Tube Shop.

He had served in the Air Force during World War II and was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, South Side Kiwanis Club and American Legion Post 82.

His wife, Joan M., died Saturday.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Carl Beckstedt of Fort Wayne, Joanrita and Jerry Taube of Auburn and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Jeannie Skordos of Monroeville and Nicholas Skordos of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Ottenweller of Bolingbrook, Ill.; a sister, Barbara Squire of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tyler Skordos in 1999.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Richard Dye

KENDALLVILLE — Richard G. Dye, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at his home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Cindy Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Cindy Gibson of Kendallville died today, Monday, July 26, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Joan Skordos

FORT WAYNE — Joan M. Skordos, 74, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. Skordos had worked for 10 years at American Hoist and retired from Neff Engineering.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church and American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary.

Her husband, George "Mike" Skordos, died Friday.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Carl Beckstedt of Fort Wayne, Joanrita and Jerry Taube of Auburn and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Jeannie Skordos of Monroeville and Nicholas Skordos of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Lillian "Midge" Vodde, Barbara Schulhler, May Schorey and Kay Johnson, all of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Edward "Abe" Muldoon, Thomas Muldoon, David Muldoon, Jerome Muldoon and Michael Muldoon, all of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a grandson, Tyler Skordos in 1999; and two brothers, Daniel in 1972 and Ralph in 1924.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Lois Davenport-Adams

FORT WAYNE — Lois I. Davenport-Adams, 94, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was co-owner of Davenport Insurance Agency and a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Insurance Women's Association of Fort Wayne, National Charter Lifetime and Naomi Federated Women's Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce P. and Pattie Davenport of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce M. and Dick Collins; a stepson, David Adams of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Susan Kaake of Carmel; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Paul Davenport; her second husband, Raymond Adams; a stepson, Larry Adams; and a grandson, Shane Davenport.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church on Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Adolph Scare

FORT WAYNE — Adolph "Al" Scare, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Wilshire, Ohio, he was a repairman with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

He was involved with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 14000 and American Legion Post 47, and was the recipient of the numerous Korean War military citations, including two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Irma M. Scare of Fort Wayne; a son, Gary L. Scare of Montpelier; a daughter, Dr. Susan M. Pottenger of Rocky Hill, Conn.; three grandchildren; four sisters, Agnes Storm of Centerville, Mich., Erma Mecklenberg and Mary Conklin, both of Sturgis, Mich., and Anna Wilson of Galesburg, Mich.; and five brothers, Walter Scare of Avilla, Henry Scare of Fort Wayne, Louis Scare of Colon, Mich., Paul Scare of Greenville, and John Scare of Dundee, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meadowcrest Brethren Church.

Cindy Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Cindy Gibson, 47, of Kendallville died at 1:21 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2004, at her home. She had been ill two years.

Mrs. Gibson

Ms. Gibson was a homemaker and lifetime Kendallville resident.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1974.

She was born March 8, 1957, in Kendallville to Denver and Martha (Swander) Gibson. They are deceased.

Surviving are five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marlene Arnold of Rome City, Crestene Mosley of Kendallville, Geraldine and Milton Robinson of Fort Wayne, Laura Arnold of Kendallville, and Cathleen and Donald Mosley of Kendallville; and two brothers, Marvin Gibson of Fort Wayne and Steve Gibson of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastors Earl Rose Jr. and Larry Anglemeyer officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. today at the church with an evening service at 7 p.m. today the church.

Memorials are to the family of Cindy Gibson.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Dye

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Grayson Dye, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dye had moved to Noble County in 1978 from Rhode Island.

He had retired in 1976 from the U.S. Navy where he received the rank of EMC. He served during the Vietnam War and graduated from the first class of the Navy's Nuclear Power School at the submarine base at Groton, Conn.

Mr. Dye enjoyed driving and restoring old cars.

He was born June 3, 1939, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Thomas Houston and Isabelle (Pasetti) Dye.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Rhonda Dye of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Groothuis of Lincoln, Neb.; four brothers, Thomas H. Hanna of New Kensington, Pa., Gary T. Dye of Virginia Beach, Va., Scott S. Dye of Laurel, Mass., and Mark H. Dye of Vienna, Va.; and four grandchildren, Nathaniel Houston Dye, Eric Michael Dye, Stephanie Nicole Dye and Rebecca Lynn Groothuis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. A military service will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240 on the south lawn of the funeral home.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Four County Vocational Cooperative in Kendallville.

Tuesday, July 27, 2004

Cathie Baker

WATERLOO — Cathie Jane Baker, 57, of Waterloo died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Baker was born in Hicksville, Ohio, on April 24, 1947, to Max H. and Lois M. (Smith) Fetzer. She was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School, and was a homemaker before residing in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Lois Fetzer of Hamilton; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig Hennessey of Hamilton, Scott and Colleen Hennessey of Edgerton, Ohio, Brian Hennessey of Fort Wayne, and Brad and Tonya Hennessey of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Donald Thorndyke of Waterloo; a brother, Max S. Fetzer II of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marsha and Charles Peter of Hicksville and Rebecca and Thomas Cool of Hamilton; nine grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or Hospice of DeKalb County.

Arrangements are being handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Alice Bryan

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Alice L. "Enie" Bryan, 81, of Fort Pierce and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Bryan

Mrs. Bryan was born in Lost River Township, Martin County, Ind., and moved to Fort Pierce in the 1970s from Kendallville. She was a home economics teacher, homemaker and the manager of her late husband's medical practice.

She graduated in 1943 from Indiana University in Bloomington with a bachelor's degree in home economics. She was a member of the Ocean Village Tennis Team, Red Cross Bloodmobile volunteer, member of Tri Kappa, charter member of The Book Club in Kendallville and a member of numerous bridge clubs. She volunteered at Lawnwood Medical Center and McCray Memorial Hospital, and was also a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William B. and Barbara L. Bryan of Angola and Robert T. and Anita Norman Bryan of Fort Pierce; a daughter, Sue A. Bryan Anderson of Stoddard, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Warren and Ruth Hendrix of French Lick; grandchildren, Dr. Benjamin R. Bryan of Chicago, Bradley W. Bryan of Sarasota, Fla., Christian Bryan-Coburn of Tampa, Fla., Wendy L. Gordy of Fort Pierce, James R. Gordy II of Fort Pierce and Wyatt L. Anderson of Stoddard; and great-grandchildren, Brittany M. Seidman, Darah L. Greenwald, and Ripley S. Greenwald, all of Fort Pierce, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert E. Bryan, and brother, Kenneth Grant Hendrix.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Haisley-Hobbs Funeral Home, Fort Pierce. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Florida.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 7 at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with calling from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of the Treasure Coast, 805 Virginia Ave., S.R. 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

Alberta Lutter

LAOTTO — Alberta Lutter, 79, of LaOtto died early this morning, July 27, 2004, at her home in Swan Township.

Among Mrs. Lutter's survivors are her husband, Clarence; a daughter, Karen Sweeney of LaOtto; a son, Steven Lutter of Mishawaka; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences many be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Tuesday, July 27, 2004

Lucille Haringe

ANGOLA — Lucille S. Haringe, 90, of Angola, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Haringe was born March 30, 1914, in Aurora, Ill., to Peter and Barbara (Theis) Meyer. She was married to Arnold Haringe, who preceded her in death.

She was a clerk at the Jewel Foods grocery store. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Batavia, Ill.

She previously worked as a seamstress at Formfit in Aurora.

Surviving are nieces and nephews Sandra DeBruycker of Angola, Sharon Vorel of Virginia, June Knutel of Michigan, James Meyer of Illinois, Janet Saillard of Illinois, Judy Alico of Arizona and Jerry Friedgen of Michigan; several great-nieces and great-nephews; several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; and a sister-in-law, Lena Meyer of Aurora.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, with Pastor Donald Moll officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Batavia West Side Cemetery, Batavia.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Daniel Dillon

EDON, Ohio — Daniel H. "Rat" Dillon, 59, of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at Edward E. Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich.

Mr. Dillon was a 1962 graduate of Edon High School. He served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He worked as a maintenance electrician at Metaldyne for the past 37 years. As a hobby, he served as a mechanic and pit crew member for Myers Motorsports, based in Hamilton.

He was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Angola to Hugh H. and Jeanette W. (Gearhart) Dillon. His mother survives in Edon and his father preceded him in death.

He married Patricia A. Button on May 8, 1970, in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Chad Myers of Hamilton; one granddaughter, Maddison Myers of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Cloidette Dillon of Edon; and one niece, Kendell Dillon.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon. Pastor Eric Dailey will officiate. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to establish an educational fund for his granddaughter, Maddison.

Condolences may be sent to Dillonfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Rosemary Evans

BRYAN, Ohio — Rosemary G. Evans, 81, of Bryan, Ohio, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at the Dilworth Center of Community Hospital of Williams County.

Mrs. Evans was born July 31, 1922, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Truman John and Nellie Mae (Stump) Gilpin.

She married Dr. Donald R. Evans on Aug. 27, 1941. He preceded her in death in September 1973. She graduated from Pioneer High School in 1939, and attended Bowling Green University for one year.

She was the former chief deputy clerk for the Williams County Probate Court. She was a dental assistant for her husband for about 20 years.

She was a former librarian for the Carnegie Public Library in Angola, and most recently worked at Lester's Diner in Bryan.

She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for many years, and worked at the C.W.U. Thrift Shop in Bryan. She was the first woman to serve as a council person for the village of Pioneer.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Michael Peslikis of Bowling Green, Ohio, Christina and Jack Oberlin of Bryan and Victoria and Joe Nickloy of Montpelier, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Chloe R. Damer, on May 3, 2004, and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Indiana time Wednesday at Grace Community Church, Bryan, with Pastor Michael J. Kelly and the Rev. Sam Byroads officiating. Calling will be at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Memorials are to Grace Community Church, Dilworth Center or C.H.W.C. Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Wednesday, July 28, 2004

Forrest Slabaugh

LIGONIER — Forrest W. Slabaugh, 92, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at his residence.

Born on April 5, 1912, in Ligonier, he was the son of Willard and Zuila Slabaugh. He married Beulah Rice on Aug. 30, 1936, and they made their home on the Slabaugh farm northwest of Ligonier.

She preceded him in death.

He spent his entire life on the family farm. He attended Perry Central School and Ligonier High School, graduating in 1929 as salutatorian.

Mr. Slabaugh was an REMC board member for several years, participated in the Ligonier Rifle Club and was active in the farm community's Euchre Club. He enjoyed farming, the outdoors, fishing and loved animals.

Surviving are three sons, grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law, Mark and Christina Slabaugh, Michael Slabaugh and Maren Slabaugh; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander, Elyse, Megan and Mia Slabaugh.

In addition to his wife, his parents, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mary Dowty

OSSIAN — Mary L. Dowty, 83, of Acworth, Ga., and formerly of Ossian, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, in Marietta, Ga.

An Allen County native, she had worked at General Electric Co. and retired from Amoco Oil as a lab supervisor.

She was a past member of the Ossian Order of the Eastern Star and the Ossian United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald L. and Nancy Dowty of Leo and Jerry W. Dowty of Acworth, Ga.; two sisters, Dorothy Patten of Ossian and Norma Johnson of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Raymond Johnson and Merle Johnson, both of Fort Wayne, Robert Johnson of Hamilton and Carl Johnson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, with burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974.

Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half-brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Francis L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband Bill of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Don of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Vera Daniels

AUBURN — Vera D. Daniels, 93, of Auburn died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Daniels retired in 1976 after 30 years as an operator for Indiana Bell. She then worked as a telemarketer for Kendallville Publishing Co.

She was born March 16, 1911, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Roscoe and Nella (Huntington) Yarlot.

She married Glenn W. Daniels on Nov. 9, 1929, in Waterloo. He died June 8, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Collins of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Kris Farrington Daniels of Weston, W.Va.; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Floyd Carper of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Yarlot of Waterloo and Pauline Yarlot of Butler; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Loren Yarlot and Wayne Yarlot; and one sister, Leora Farrington.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Tom Dyson will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alberta Lutter

LAOTTO — Alberta Lutter, 79, of rural LaOtto died at 12 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at her residence following an extended illness.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Irwin and Daisy (Gordon) Green. On Oct. 19, 1946, she married Clarence S. Lutter in Churubusco. He survives.

She lived in the LaOtto area all of her married life.

Mrs. Lutter graduated from Churubusco High School in 1944 and was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, a homemaker and an Indiana University fan. She was also a member of the Churubusco O.E.S. She worked at Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne until 1946.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Steven K. Lutter of Mishawaka; a daughter, Karen S. Sweeney of rural LaOtto; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Paul Offhaus of Messiah Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church, DeKalb County Hospice or Noble County Humane Society.

Condolences may be emailed at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she was a patient since June 3.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Lucille Herczeg

AVILLA — Lucille M. Herczeg, 90, of Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, formerly of Kendallville, died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Services are pending at

Thursday, July 29, 2004

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Clouse was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clouse was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

She was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Noble County to Sherman and Martha (Crume) Williamson.

On April 21, 1935, in Albion, she married Frank E. Clouse. He died Oct. 29, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stanley Holderman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Connie Clouse of Syracuse, Thomas and Sharon Clouse of Albion and Wayne and Debra Clouse of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Stanley David Holderman, Ruth Ellen Jajko, Carla Plavchak, Amy Luebbehusen, Melinda Embgenbroich, Steven Clouse, Michele Urban, Elizabeth Vandegrift, Tricia Weiss and Andrea Bockelman; 16 great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Forrest Williamson, and two sisters, Sara Shively and Zelma Jaquay.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Austin Fergusson and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and a half-hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice, Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Thursday, July 29, 2004

Lucille Herczeg

AVILLA — Lucille M. Herczeg, 90, of Avilla died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herczeg

Mrs. Herczeg had formerly lived in Kendallville and had spent most of her life in Noble County.

She had retired from the East Noble School Corp. after teaching school from 1938 to 1976.

Mrs. Herczeg was a graduate of Rome City High School and Ball State University.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had previously attended St. Gasper Catholic Church.

She was born March 24, 1914, in Faith, S.D., to Thomas and Margaret (Keller) Barron. On April 4, 1942, she married John Herczeg. He died Feb. 7, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley A. and Patricia Herczeg of Dublin, Ohio; four nieces, Celia Stallings of Rome City, Candy Simons of Austin, Texas, Cindy Dillion of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Amber Field of Naples, Fla.; three sisters-in-law, Lucille Barron of Houston, Rita Herczeg of Naples and Jeanette Herczeg of Mishawaka; a nephew, Bruce Barron of Houston, Texas; a great-nephew, Wesley Stallings of Rome City; a great-niece and her family, Dani and Adam Rittermeyer and children Brienna and Adam of Wolcottville; and close friends, Roger Bir, Bert Rimmel and Judy Keck.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Irene Gough; and a brother, Jim Barron.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at noon Saturday at Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Clouse was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clouse was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

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Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stanley Holdeman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Connie Clouse of Syracuse, Thomas and Sharon Clouse o Albion and Wayne and Debra Clouse of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Stanley David Holdeman, Ruth Ellen Jajko, Carla Plavchak, Amy Luebbehusen, Melinda Embgenbroich, Steven Clouse, Michele Urban, Elizabeth Vandegrift, Tricia Weiss and Andrea Bockelman; 16 great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Forrest Williamson, and two sisters, Sara Shively and Zelma Jaquay.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Austin Fergusson and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and a half-hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice, Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Verna Souder

KENDALLVILLE — Verna Mae Souder, 91, of Kendallville died at 3:35 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dr. Robert Dodd

LEBANON, Ill. — Dr. Robert Dodd, 85, of Lebanon and formerly of South Bend, Ind., died May 31, 2004, at Cedar Ridge Health Care in Lebanon.

Dr. Dodd had served on the medical staff at Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, both in South Bend. He was a member of the St. Joseph County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a 1944 graduate of the Indiana School of Medicine.

Dr. Dodd was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., to Edward and Elsa (Darr) Dodd.

His wife Harriett June (Jackson) Dodd is deceased. The couple had been married 51 years at the time of her death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Eileen (Clarke) Dodd of O'Fallon, Ill., and Jeffrey Dodd of Wilmette, Ill.; a grandson, Andrew Robert Dodd of O'Fallon; a granddaughter, Tess Elizabeth Dodd of O'Fallon; two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier and Sally Dodd of Piscataway, N.J.; a niece, Diane Dodd Peterson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and a nephew, Jed Dodd of Philadelphia, Pa.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Edward Dodd.

A memorial committal service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Patton

COLUMBUS — Margaret M. Patton, 88, of Columbus died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Patton was born in Columbus on June 21, 1916, to John and Loretta (Wilbur) Elzea.

She married Millard D. Patton in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1992.

She was a homemaker, had been a foster parent for many years, and was a former manager of Paul Harris clothing store and Les Normandie, Steinburg and Columbus Village apartment complexes.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Elizabethtown United Methodist Church and attended the First Assembly of God.

Surviving are a son, Millard Dean Patton of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; two daughters, Shirley Faye McNeish of Fremont and Sharon Collins of Columbus; nine grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Martha Jane Hull; several brothers and sisters; and a granddaughter, Teresa Baker Szarvas.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Barkes, Inlow & Weaver Funeral Home on Washington Street, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert W. Reeves Sr. officiating.

Calling will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. today and from noon until service time Saturday.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974. Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Frances L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband William of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Donald of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 424, Auburn IN 46706, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Diane McMahon

KENDALLVILLE — Diane M. McMahon, 46, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McMahon was a homemaker.

She was born April 18, 1958, in Chicago, Ill.

Surviving are a daughter, Jessica Hart of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gail and Michael Watkins of Fort Wayne and Karen and Jeff Maxwell of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Timothy and Rita McMahon of Seven Hills, Ohio, and Tom and Marie McMahon of Fort Wayne; and a companion, Nicholas Smith of Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Marceil Bickel

PENDLETON — Marceil I. Bickel, 91, of Pendleton and formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, July 30, 2004, at 4 a.m. in Pendleton.

Ms. Bickel was retired from Superior Sample Co. She attended the Evangelical Church and belonged to the Happy 8's Canasta Club. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and cooking.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Noble County to Earnest and Nellie Duesler Huff.

She married Frederick P. Bickel March 2, 1935, in Burket. He died Jan. 2, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Owen of Pendleton; a son, Terry Bickel of Indianapolis; a sister-in-law, Grace Bickel of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren, Susan and Jeff Julian of Hagerstown; Linda and Tim Lawyer of Modoek; Terri Owen and Jim Jackson of Markelville; Michael and Missy Bickel of Indianapolis; and Todd and Stephanie Bickel; 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Arlo, Elton and William Huff; and a sister, Vita.

A graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Funeral services will be immediately following visitation.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana or American Cancer Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about survivors.*

Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn, died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974. Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half-brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Frances L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband William of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Donald of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 424, Auburn IN 46706, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Saturday, July 31, 2004

Melba Henry

FRANKLIN — Melba Bernice Henry, 79, of Franklin, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Franklin United Methodist Community Hospital.

Mrs. Henry was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Canton, Ohio, to Richard Verne and Mabel (Shover) Roberson. She married William Lynn Henry on Dec. 20, 1945, and he survives.

She was a 1942 graduate of Canton High School. She attended Indiana Central College and graduated from Bethel College in Mishawaka in 1961.

She was a school teacher for South Bend School Corp., Fort Wayne School Corp., Anderson School Corp., and Cedar Lake Schools.

She was a member of the Anderson First United Methodist Church, where her husband was pastor for several years, and also belonged to the Indiana Teachers Association.

Also surviving are two sons, David L. Henry of Angola and Michael D. Henry of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Warren Roberson; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wright Memorial Chapel at the Franklin United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Eley officiating. Calling will be Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Ninemile Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are being handled by Vandivier-Tudor Funeral Home.

Terry Schmidt

LAGRANGE — Terry J. Schmidt, 52, of Howe died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at 9:12 p.m. at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Schmidt was vice president of financial services at Farmers State Bank in LaGrange, branch manager of Shipshewana State Bank in LaGrange and a financial consultant with Wells Fargo Bank in Angola.

Mr. Schmidt

He was also president of the LaGrange County Community Foundation and a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 215, LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, Meridian Sun Lodge F&AM 76, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite member, LaGrange County Shrine Club, Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne and Sturgis Bowling League.

He also served as Lakeland High School assistant boys basketball coach and was an original organizer of the LaGrange Town Park Basketball League.

He was born Feb. 9, 1952, in Kendallville to Paul and Donna (Dillon) Schmidt.

He married Michelle Morehouse on Nov. 18, 1989, in Goshen, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Michael (Stacia) Hockett of Indianapolis and Tricia Schmidt of Camby; a brother, Stan Schmidt of Waterloo; a sister, Sandra Desper of Kendallville; and a granddaughter, Brittany Hockett of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Terry Schmidt Scholarship Fund.

Verna Mae Souder

KENDALLVILLE — Verna Mae Souder, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Souder was an LPN with the health care program at Kneipp Springs in Rome City. She lived at the Lamplighter since 1975.

She was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Altar and Rosary Society and the Immaculate Conception Church Poor Souls Society. She attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She was a former resident of Kneipp Springs in Rome City, where she lived from 1967 to 1975.

She was born to Frank Louis and Clara (Long) Souder in Tiffin, Ohio.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Scherger of Tiffin.

Preceding her in death were three sisters, Frances Jo Kuhn, Belva McElheny and Madeline McCarthy; and three brothers, George Souder, Paul Souder and Richard Souder.

Funeral services will be Monday at noon Indiana time at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Tiffin. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tiffin will preside.

Viewing will be private.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling local arrangements.

Marcelle Fought

ROME CITY — Marcelle Malle Fought, 89, of Rome City and formerly of Wawaka, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fought

Mrs. Fought moved to Noble County in 1954 from Waterloo. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Waterloo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had been active in her church both in Waterloo and Brimfield and had been a Sunday school teacher at the Waterloo Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Fought enjoyed fishing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Hamilton to Joe and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler.

In 1938, she married Bill Malle. He preceded her in death.

In 1988, she married Robert Fought. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Pat Malle of Wawaka; a daughter, Mary Malle of Rome City; a stepson and his wife, David and Bonnie Fought of Topeka; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Deanna and Jack Moser of Ligonier and Rosemary and Harold Targgart of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Leora Dangler of Waterloo; a sister, Emogene White of Coldwater, Mich.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Deloss, Joe, Don and Charlie Dangler; and three sisters, Lois Kelly Lynn, Edith Hoot and Bell Good.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maurine Mauzy and two of Mrs. Fought's nephews, David Hoot and Nick Hoot, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church or Parkview Hospice.

John R. Meyer

IRONTON, Ohio — John R. Meyer, 57, of Ironton died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at his home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Surviving are his mother, Miriam Meyer; a daughter, Theresa Owens; two sons, Matthew and Mark, both of Kentucky; a sister, Linda Garfield of Florida; two brothers, Paul of Hamilton and Michael of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at noon Friday with calling after 10:30 a.m. (Indiana times) at Phillips Funeral Home in Ironton. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Woodland Cemetery.

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Riley Applegate

ALBION — Riley Alyssa Lynn Applegate was stillborn Monday, July 19, 2004, at Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

She was the daughter of Christopher M. and Angel M. (Little) Applegate of Florida.

Surviving with her parents are three sisters, Morgan, Isis and Madison Applegate, all of Ocala; grandparents, Jim L. and Juanita Applegate of Ocala and Debra McClellan of Albion; and great-grandparents, Jim A. and Ann Applegate of Albion.

A great-grandmother, Jayne Applegate, is deceased.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Martina Fell

WATERLOO — Martina J. Fell, 64, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fell was a homemaker. She was born July 7, 1940, in Butler County, Ky., to Roscoe and Myrtle Jane (Lindsey) Renfrow.

She married Louis E. Fell on July 18, 1964, in Zanesville. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Anita Fell of Fort Wayne and Ronald, Kent and Steven Fell, all of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Tim Bice of Waterloo; four brothers, Oscar, Clint, Leon and Richard; three sisters, Mary, Laura and Linda; five grandchildren, Misty Garfias, Jesicka Fell, Chelsie Fell, Zachary Bice and Brett Bice; and two great-grandchildren, Trenton and Isabell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Kurt Fell; one grandson, Michael Fell Jr.; one sister, Dorothy; and three brothers, Hardy, Jim and Raymond.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Lura Shannon

BUTLER — Lura Vivian Shannon, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 9 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

She had been a laborer at Universal Tool in Butler.

She was born April 8, 1916, in DeKalb County to Frank and Ruth (Swinehart) Gift.

She married Harold E. Shannon on April 24, 1937, in Blakeslee, Ohio. He died Feb. 12, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marie Shannon of Butler; a granddaughter and her husband, Brenda and Chris Geiser of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren and one spouse, Allison and Lynn Graber of Grabill and Ashley, Audra and Sean Geiser, all of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Allen Gift and Raymond Gift.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Saneta Maiko will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

Bufford Griffith

LIGONIER — Bufford V. Griffith, 58, of Ligonier died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffith did electrical installation for the recreational vehicle industry. He had moved to this area in 1969 from Kentucky.

He had served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Syracuse VFW Post 1342.

Mr. Griffith enjoyed woodworking, fishing, playing basketball and listening to music. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 29, 1945, in Floyd County, Ky., to Kendall and Olive I. (Patton) Griffith. On Aug. 29, 1969, in Martin, Ky., he married Phyllis K. Chaffins. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane Griffith of Ligonier and Travis and Jessica Griffith of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Felicia and Jacob Stewart of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James Griffith of Cromwell and Kenneth and Lucy Griffith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Oma and Flem Messer of Ligonier and Wendy Brown of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Cody Griffith, Logan Griffith, Jasmine Ritchie and Cloe Fernandez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carmaline Griffith.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

James Baer

GARRETT — James M. Baer, 77, of Garrett died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 11:12 pm. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Baer

A 25-year resident of Garrett, he had been a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne before moving to Garrett in 1979.

He was a machine maintenance worker at Zollner in Fort Wayne for 35 1/2 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of West Creighton Christian Church in Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and Garrett American Legion Post 178, and was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 6, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Ernest Baer Sr. and Lucille (Kissinger) Baer.

He and his wife, Carolyn A. Scott, celebrated 57 years of marriage on July 11. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald J. Baer of Garrett, Kevin M. Baer of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Jan B. Baer of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Crandall of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ernest Baer Jr. and William D. Baer; and a sister, Maren Ferguson.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Randy McQueen will officiate. A military ceremony will be conducted at the conclusion of the service in the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family so that they may contribute to their favorite charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Alice Bryan

KENDALLVILLE — Alice L. "Enie" Bryan, 81, of Fort Pierce and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Bryan had moved to Fort Pierce from Kendallville in the 1970s.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with calling from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Treasure Coast, 805 Virginia Ave., S.R. 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

Dorothy Kressley

HUDSON — Dorothy V. Kressley, 92, of Hudson died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

She was born April 3, 1912, in Hudson, to George and Nancy (Lowe) Rowe. On April 22, 1928, she married Henry T. Kressley, and he died Sept. 29, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, LaMarr and Dolly Kressley of Hudson; two grandchildren, Deborah Boyd of Ashley and Lynn Kressley of Cartersville, Ga.; four great-grandchildren, Jake Dove, Jessica Dove, Scott Kressley and Todd Kressley; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Robert W. Staup officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Eugenia Gooding

ANGOLA — Eugenia Marie Gooding, 88, of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

She was a welder for 28 years at General Electric, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the company's Elex and Century clubs.

She was born July 2, 1916, in Palestine, Texas, to Orvall H. and Effie A. (Soughter) Cohee.

On March 21, 1936, she married Jess W. Gooding. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patricia A. Harter of Fort Wayne and Sally Kinsey of New Haven; a sister, Joan Parkeson of Olympia, Wash.; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers and one sister.

There will be no service or calling. Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

Phyllis Bowling

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Phyllis Jean Bowling, 60, of Mark Center, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Toledo Hospital.

She was employed at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio. A 1962 graduate of Logansport High School in Indiana, she was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Eagles.

She was born April 7, 1944, in Logansport to Cecil and Alice Mae (Seedam) Enyeart. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Bowling in 1964. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Amy Bowling of St. Joe; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Miranda and Doug Seeman of Deshler, Ohio, and Bobbie and Robert Miller of Delta, Ohio; six grandchildren; one brother, Edwin Enyeart of Logansport; and two sisters, Janice Coe and Estelle Enyeart, both of Logansport.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

John Pekarek

ANGOLA — John M. Pekarek, 44, of Angola, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Angola.

He was a supervisor at Angola Wire Products and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He was born Sept. 7, 1959, in Harvey, Ill., to Robert W. and Georgeann (Wies) Pekarek. His father preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 1993. His mother survives in Homewood, Ill.

Also surviving are his wife, Jill G. (Bonick) Pekarek; two sons, Adam M. Pekarek and David R. Pekarek, both of Angola; a brother, Robert Pekarek of Minetto, N.Y.; and three sisters, Susan Bauer of Peotone, Ill., Carol Finger of Homewood, Ill., and Sandra Thomas of Homewood.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cleta Grandstaff

AUBURN — Cleta L. Grandstaff, 86, of Auburn, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

She had owned and operated Auburn Tankage from 1949 to 1969 and Statler Wayne Inc. for 18 years, from 1969 to 1987. She retired in 1987.

Mrs. Grandstaff was a 1936 graduate of Auburn High School, and she had attended Wayne Beauty School for two years.

She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority, and was the first woman elected to the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Council, where she served for 20 years. She still served on the council's board of directors.

She was the first woman elected to the National Renderers Board, serving as a trustee; a member of Altrusa Club in Fort Wayne and the Auburn Literary Club; a member of the board of directors of DeKalb County Community Concerts; served on the board of directors of Woodlawn Cemetery; was a charter member and served on the board of directors of DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity; was a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star; was a 52-year member of the Charm and Chatter Home Demonstration Club; and was an associate member of Gloria Day Lutheran Church in Anna Maria, Fla.

Grandstaff

She had been a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn for 56 years, and was a member of the Hope Circle and the Altar Guild.

She was born March 4, 1918, in Hamilton, to Birt and Audra (Allomong) McDaniel.

On June 20, 1948, she married Oren E. Grandstaff at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He died April 16, 1971.

Surviving are a son, Kevin Grandstaff of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kyleen Grandstaff of Anna Maria, Fla., and Kriss Ann and Jim David of Lexington, S.C.; an exchange student daughter and her husband, Pirjo and Erik Bennedich of Sweden; one granddaughter, Amanda Andreas; one great-granddaughter, Hailey Renee Andreas; and two brothers, Emery McDaniel and Howard McDaniel, both of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were a brother, DeWight McDaniel; and a sister, Isabelle Crosley.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Steve Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts of America, Youth For Christ or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Lisa Fennig

ANGOLA — Lisa M. Fennig, 37, of Angola, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at 5:25 p.m. at her home.

She was a nurse and worked at Lutheran Rehabiliation Center in Fort Wayne. She was born April 16, 1967, in Auburn.

On April 21, 1990, in Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola, she married Dale W. Fennig. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amber M. and Lindsey M., both at home; her parents Charles W. Sanders Jr. of Convoy, Ohio, and Sally M. (Bertsch) Sanders of Angola; one brother, Jamie A. Bertsch of Hudson; an uncle, Robert L. Bertsch of Seattle; an aunt, Sherry Bell of Auburn; and her father-in-law and stepmother-in-law, William and Rose Fennig of Portland, Ind.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Albert and Thelma Bertsch, and mother-in-law, Georgianna Fennig.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. The Rev. Robert Sims of New Life Family Center of Kenewick, Wash., will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Family Center or Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors in information provided by the funeral home.*

Carol Fenker

FORT WAYNE — Carol Fenker, 71, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Harvester and as secretary at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. She loved gardening and dining out with friends.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and George Bero of Fort Wayne; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Robert J. Fenker, Richard and Sharon Fenker and James and Diana Fenker, all of Fort Wayne, and Joseph and Mary Fenker of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

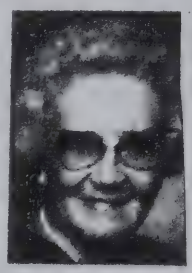
Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. with a vigil at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea (Uhl) Frehse, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.



Mrs. Frehse

Mrs. Frehse was the bookkeep-er and secretary for Uhl Oil Co. from 1932-1985.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse was born June 16, 1910, in Albion to Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck. She married Harold Uhl on April 28, 1927, in Noble County. He died on Nov. 21, 1971. In July 1990, she married Lowell Frehse. He died Aug. 24, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Jean Uhl of Kendallville and Charles Uhl of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jack Frehse of Kendallville and William Frehse of Florida; 13 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Arneta Hovarter, on July 9, 1999; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter Schmuck and Carl and Leila Schmuck.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harwood Kobi

FORT WAYNE — Harwood V. Kobi, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at St. Anne Home.

A Garrett native, Mr. Kobi retired in 1979 from Dana Corp., where he had worked 30 years. He was a World War II Army veteran, earning five Bronze Stars and participating in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Knights of Columbus and the Bluffton post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian I. Kobi of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law Neil and Deborah Kobi of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester, Clifford and Lindey; and a sister, Betty Stahl.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with calling one hour prior to the service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

Byron Fromm

FORT WAYNE — Byron E. Fromm, 57, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Fromm was a salesman at Hayden Honda.

He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Fromm was a member of the Roanoke Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and the Gold Wing Touring Association.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly of Fort Wayne; a son, Darryl R. Fromm of Kimmell; a daughter, Lucinda E. Fromm of Kimmell; his mother, Bertha Fromm of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Marjorie L. Kuhn of Fort Wayne and Anna C. Outten of Valrico, Fla.; two brothers, Richard M. Fromm Jr. of Fort Wayne and Gene A. Fromm of Shoals; two sisters, Beverly J. Craig and Rowena K. Scheibenberger, both of Fort Wayne; and a stepgranddaughter, Cara Teders.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Benjamin Konger

ALBION — Benjamin Paul Konger, 20, of Albion died at 5:32 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of a single-vehicle accident.

Mr. Konger

He was a 2002 graduate of Churubusco High School and had attended Ball State University for one year.

He was a 10-year member of the Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H Club and had coached wrestling at Churubusco Junior High School.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

A lifelong area resident, he was born March 28, 1984, in Fort Wayne to Mike and Beth (Conrow) Konger. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a brother, Lucas M. Konger, and a sister, Jessica A. Konger, both at home; grandparents, Paul and Verdonna Konger of Albion, Alice Conrow of Churubusco, and Dick and Sara Conrow of Churubusco; great-grandparents, Jim and Irene Guiff of Churubusco; many aunts and uncles; and a special friend, Jenny Williams of Leo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Churubusco High School Wrestling Club or the Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H Club.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Carol Fenker

FORT WAYNE — Carol Fenker, 71, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Harvester and as secretary at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. She loved gardening and dining out with friends.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and George Bero of Fort Wayne; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Robert J. Fenker, Richard and Sharon Fenker and James and Diana Fenker, all of Fort Wayne, and Richard and Sharon Fenker of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. with a vigil at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Brynn Bergin

MISHAWAKA — Brynn Bergin, 20, of Mishawaka died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident.

Miss Bergin graduated in 2003 from Mishawaka High School where she was a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, homecoming queen her senior year and ran on the cross country team. She attended Indiana University where she planned to study medicine.

She loved animals, especially her cat, Scully, and enjoyed spending time at the beach, shopping, dancing, talking on the phone and eating ice cream.

She was born Aug. 3, 1984, in Mishawaka to Michael and Cari Bergin. They survive.

Also surviving are three brothers, Tyler Bergin of Mishawaka, and Kyle and Christian, both at home; her maternal grandmother and her husband, Robert and Nancy Flint Shambaugh of Rome City; her maternal grandfather and his wife, Carl and Becky Flint of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Paul Bergin of Crystal River, Fla.; and her paternal grandmother, M. Patricia Bergin of Ocala, Fla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th St., Mishawaka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Women's Care Center.

Dorothy Dahm

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy R. Dahm, 81, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Heritage Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dahm was a homemaker and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

She was born April 5, 1923, in Dixon, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Marcellus F. Dahm; six daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Robert Binns, Janet and Tim Didier, Sandy and Jon Coffee, all of Fort Wayne, Patricia and Dean Willson of Leo, Nancy and Michael Barrett of Grabill and Carol and Keith Miller of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Kelly Dahm of Fort Wayne; a niece, Sherry Chard of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with a vigil at 8 p.m. and on hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund or the Christ Child Society.

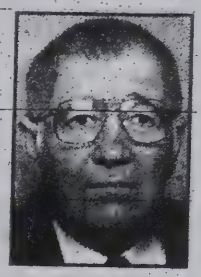
Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea Uhl Frehse, 94, of Kendallville died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

John Seely

KENDALLVILLE — John A. Seely, 60, of Kendallville died at 1:59 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Seely

A lifetime Noble County resident, he had retired after 31 years in machine set up at Silgan Plastics.

Mr. Seely was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dogs and watching "The Lone Ranger." He also enjoyed helping his friends farm.

He was born Sept. 7, 1943, in Kendallville to Elsworth and Irma (Rensch) Seely. On Sept. 5, 1989, in Albion he married Carolyn Yoquelet. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Jill Seely of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Stephanie Hare of Van Wert, Ohio, and Dave and Jennifer Hare of Ligonier; a daughter and her companion, Sharon Yates and Greg Seutter of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Christopher Seely, McKenzy Yates, Alex Seely, Eric Seely, Shawn Hare, Zack Hare, Jake Hare and Ryan Hare.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Independent Full Gospel Church.

L. Evelyn Black

ALBION — L. Evelyn "Aunt Von" Black, 96, formerly of Albion died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Park Central in Fremont, Calif.

Mrs. Black had moved to Albion at age 10 and had lived in California the past seven years.

She had worked in private nursing and had worked at hospitals in Wolf Lake and Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 24, 1907, in Nappanee to Fred and Blanche (French) Frymier. On June 7, 1929, in Frankfort she married Glen C. "Chick" Black. He died Jan. 10, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Leo Pfefferkorn of Albion and Michele "Shelly" and George Collins of Fremont, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, John Seth and Judy Black of Douglasville, Ga.; three grandchildren, Jona Slone, Todd Black and Amy Katz; and seven great-grandchildren, Randy Black, Katy Black, Amber Black, Seth Black, Riley Black, Tara Slone and Tricia Slone.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters and four brothers, Ardella Metz, Dode Frymier, Gerald Frymier, Morris John "Chink" Frymier, Edgar Frymier and Fredrick "Ted" Frymier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one half hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday.

Hope Weilert

MARION — Hope A. Weilert, 91, of Marion died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004, at 10 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Weilert

Mrs. Weilert was a former resident of Garrett and Alexandria. She moved to Marion in the 1950s.

She was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Lloyd M. and Bessie (Sponseller) Swalley.

She married Rowell S. Weilert on March 12, 1932. He died Jan. 15, 1978.

She and her late husband formerly owned and operated the Owen-Weilert Funeral Home in Marion for 25 years. They also formerly owned and operated the Davis-Stricler Funeral Home and the Alex Theatre, both in Alexandria. A 1931 graduate of Garrett High School, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Marion, where she was a member of the Debbie Vance Circle and formerly served on the board of the Speeders Group.

She was a member of the Marion YWCA, serving on the board of directors for many years, including two terms as president, and was past president serving on the board of trustees and served as YWCA Tour Director for several years.

Mrs. Weilert was a member of the Hostess House, serving on the board of directors, and served as membership luncheon chairman for several years. She enjoyed playing Mrs. Santa Claus for both the YWCA and the Hostess House for many years.

She was a member of the Altrusa Club, serving two terms as president, and the Marion Women's Department Club, where she was a three-term past president. She was a two-term past president, former district director and past Woman of the Year in the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was active as a member and past president of the Women's Club, was past president of GFWC/IFC of Grant County and received the Woman of the Year Award. She was also past district president of GFWC/IFC Northeast District.

Mrs. Weilert organized and directed the original Widow to Widow Group of Grant County and served on the Cancer Services of Grant County Board for 14 years and was a past president. She was a member and past president of Art Circle and Aesope Club, both of Alexandria.

She was a member of the Wednesday Study Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Weilert was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 67, in Garrett, and a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority since 1931.

Surviving are her adopted family and caregivers, Steve and Sue Wampner and their daughter, Hayley, of Marion.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Swalley.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. The Rev. Ed Fritz will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeview Christian School, 5316 S. Western Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

Jack Pinney

ALBION — Jack Clinton Pinney, 79, of Bear Lake near Albion died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Pinney

Mr. Pinney spent most of his life in Allen County and graduated from Roanoke High School in 1943. He moved to Bear Lake in 1985.

He worked for 10 1/2 years for Baer Field Crash and Guard Department through the Fort Wayne Police Department and then for 20 years for Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pinney was born July 9, 1925, at Lafayette to Russell and Luella (Morris) Pinney. On Dec. 6, 1947, in Waynedale United Methodist Church he married Ardella Laurene Neuenschwander. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Priscilla and Gregory Jeffrey of North Webster and Rita Bunger of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Betty Pinney of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jack Engle of Roanoke; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Max, Lee and Ralph Pinney.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor James Tews of the Messiah Lutheran Church at Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery near North Manchester.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

John Markley

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — John Alden Markley, 78, of Louisville, Ky., died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004.

Mr. Markley was born in Corunna. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, served in the European Theater in World War II and received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars.

Following military service, he attended Indiana University and received his bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

He was director of international operations for Kentucky Fried Chicken for 12 years until he retired in 1991. Before that, he was a senior industrial engineer with Kroger Co. for 27 years. In 1981, he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky. Following retirement, he was a volunteer for the International Executive Service Corps, working with his wife in countries overseas. He was a 59-year member of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America and was recognized by the society as one of 7 Men of Note. He was past president of both the Cincinnati Southern Gateway Chorus and the Louisville Thoroughbreds Barbershop Chorus. He recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Thoroughbreds.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Dee; a son, Andrew; a daughter, Gaye; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Richard Covyeau; his grandchildren, Jonathan and Cameron; and many friends, family members and neighbors around the world whose lives he touched.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Louisville, P.O. Box 363370, Louisville, KY 40233, or to the American Cancer Society.

Rex Bercaw

AUBURN — Rex Bercaw, 49, of Auburn died peacefully in his home Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Mr. Bercaw

Mr. Bercaw was the corporate treasurer and the fleet, lease and finance manager of his family-owned business, Maxton Motors Inc. in Butler, from which he retired in July 2003. He also worked at Gates Automotive Group in South Bend, Weissenberger Chevrolet and George Ballas Buick in Toledo, Ohio.

He graduated from Eastside High School in 1973 and from Northwood Institute at Midland, Mich., in 1975 with a degree in automotive marketing.

He was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International through the Butler Club. He was a member of Elks Lodge 1978 in Auburn and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council, budget committee and endowment committee.

Mr. Bercaw was born in Garrett on May 16, 1955, to the late Dick and Lois (Buttermore) Bercaw of Butler.

He married his college sweetheart, Kristine Suson (Kane) Bercaw, from Temperance, Mich., in April 1977 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Temperance. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Alison K. and Justin D. Aldrich of Corunna and Jacquelyn D. Bercaw at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack N. and Elaine M. Bercaw of Fremont and Randy L. and Sally J. Bercaw of Butler, along with several nieces and nephews, a great-niece; and his caregiver, Cindy Wolf of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery in the family plot.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to ALS Association in Carmel, Parkview Hospice and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Joe Rhodes Jr.

AVILLA — Joe Rhodes Jr., 80, of Avilla died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. in Ardmore, Okla., He had been in failing health for more than a year.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Marie Serrano

FORT WAYNE — Marie (Shaner) Serrano, 98, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at University Park Nursing Home.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Decorators Supply.

A native of Convoy, Ohio, she had been a member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church since 1947.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and John North of Fort Wayne; granddaughters Cindy Reuille and Kathy Didion, both of Fort Wayne; Cherry Gallogly of Auburn and Teresa Baumgartner of Hamilton Lake; grandsons Tim and Tom North of Texas and Jim North of Fort Wayne; a niece, Betty Helser of Fort Wayne; 20 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with calling one hour prior to the service at the C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. The Rev. Mike Harris will officiate.

Additional calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Matthew 25 Clinic and Meals on Wheels.

Conrad Cape

EDGERTON, Ohio — Conrad J. Cape, 80, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at 12:55 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton. He had been a patient there for three weeks.

Mr. Cape was a farmer and at one time was employed by General Motors and Johns-Mansville in Defiance, Ohio.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 1494, both of Edgerton. He was a former lector at St. Mary's and an avid bowler.

He once ran for the Ohio House of Representatives in District 57. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Aug. 29, 1923, in Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Guy C. and Agnes A. (Goebel) Cape.

He married Grace Wagner on Oct. 23, 1948, in Defiance. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Anna Marie Cramb of Dallas, Rose Ann Cape of Marietta, Ga., and Jean Ann and Bill Muehlfeld of Bryan, Ohio; four sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Becky Cape of Edgerton, Matthew J. and Linda Cape of Butler, John L. and Candy Cape of Warsaw, and Luke L. and Tina Cape of Edgerton; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Paul C. and Dolores Cape, Sherman O. and Rozella Cape, Frank D. and Maralyn Cape and Donald A. and Patricia Cape, all of Edgerton, and Kermit O. Cape of Angola; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Rose Mary Johnson and Ellen Sleesman, both of Edgerton, and Rita A. and Clarence Wuebben, also of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Earl A. Cape.

Services will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Thomas Oody officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith of American Legion Post 10 in Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at Krill Funeral Home.

Callie Culter

CULVER — Callie Culter, 106, of Culver died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Culver.

She was born June 26, 1898, in Culver and was a lifetime resident of Culver.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Booker of Plymouth and Shirley Clark of Springfield, Ill; seven grandchildren, including Deanna Langfeldt of Garrett; 19 great-grandchildren, including Jon Langfeldt of Garrett; and 13 great-great grandchildren, including Stacy Thrush and Erik Thrush, both of Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Van Gilder Funeral Home at Plymouth. Burial will be in Culver.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

ORLAND PARK, Ill. — Frank J. Sarpa, 74, of Orland Park, Ill., died Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

A former resident of Garrett, he attended Garrett High School, was a veteran of the Korean War and retired as a car salesman.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Sarpa; a sister, Mary Ann Sitarski; two daughters and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna, and two brothers, Nicholas and John.

He will be interred in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Thursday, August 12, 2004

Ida Wysong

MIDDLEBURY — Ida Wysong, 70, of Middlebury died at 1:04 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital where she had been a patient since July 26.

A native of Germany, Mrs. Wysong worked in the family restaurant until she was married. She immigrated to the United States Feb. 5, 1964, and lived at various military bases with her husband until he retired from the service in 1966 and the couple moved to Middlebury.

Mrs. Wysong

Mrs. Wysong delivered newspapers in Middlebury and was a substitute mail carrier at the Middlebury post office. She was the first female rural letter carrier at the Middlebury post office. She retired from there Sept. 30, 1995. Following her retirement, she traveled to Germany and Austria and took cruises to Alaska and along the California coast.

She was an avid reader and a frequent visitor to the Middlebury Library. She was a member of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

She was born Dec. 23, 1933, in Nuremburg, Germany, to William and Martha (Paulus) Zuckermandel. On July 26, 1960, in Zirndorf, Germany, she married Charles Wysong Jr. He died Oct. 13, 1999.

Surviving are a son, Charles Wysong III of Middlebury; and a sister, Liesel Fischer of Zirndorf.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. John Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

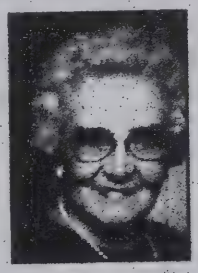
Memorials are to the Elkhart County Cancer Society or to the donor's choice.

Thursday, August 12, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea (Uhl) Frehse, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.



Mrs. Frehse

Mrs. Frehse was the bookkeeper and secretary for Uhl Oil Co. from 1932-1985.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse was born June 16, 1910, in Albion to Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck. She married Harold Uhl on April 28, 1927, in Noble County. He died on Nov. 21, 1971. In July 1990, she married Lowell Frehse. He died Aug. 24, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Jean Uhl of Kendallville and Charles Uhl of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jack Frehse of Kendallville and William Frehse of Florida; a sister, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville; a brother, Clarence Schmuck of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Arneta Hovarter July 9, 1999; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter Schmuck and Carl and Leila Schmuck.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Greibel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Pallbearers were John Cauhorn, Adam Uhl, Ryan Uhl, Andrew Shultz, Cole DeRossett, Kevin Shade and Kyle Pelz.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Uhl, Chad Uhl, Douglas Uhl, John Hovarter and Butch Hovarter.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sister Carol Herman

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Sister Carol Herman, O.S.F., 65, of the St. Francis Convent in Frankfort died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center.

Sister Carol entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1960, made First Profession of Vows on June 21, 1963, and Final Profession of Vows on June 21, 1968.

She had taught at St. Michael in Schererville, Ind., and at St. Charles School in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sister Carol received a degree in business administration from Governors State in 1985. This moved her into other areas of ministry serving in fiscal services and some administration within Provena Health facilities in Avilla, Ind., and Joliet and Danville, Ill.

She was administrator at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla from 1977 to 1983 and had served on the board of trustees there since 1994. She delighted in her work serving the elderly at Sacred Heart Home.

She was born Dec. 25, 1938, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Leonard and Cecilia (Long) Herman. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers and three sisters in Ohio.

A brother, Edward Herman, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Queen of Angels Chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the Motherhouse with a wake service at 4 p.m.

Burial will be Saturday at Sacred Heart Cemetery at Avilla, following a Mass at Provena Sacred Heart Home at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Ill., 60423-8335.

Bill Bandenberg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorleska Pence

VENICE, Fla. — Former Angola and Steuben County resident Dorleska Gay Pence, 95, of Venice, Fla., died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, in Venice.

Mrs. Pence was born May 22, 1909, in Orland, to Louis R. and Eva (Taylor) Gay. She was married to Byron J. Pence, who preceded her in death.

She was a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diann G. and Jack Miller of Venice; a granddaughter, Gay Miller of Missouri; a grandson, David Miller of California; and a great-grandson, Carson Miller Mulvey of Missouri.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 1230 S. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Kevin Kreischer

ST. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Maynard Evers

STURGIS, Mich. — Maynard Paul Evers, 82, of Sturgis died Monday, July 26, 2004, in southwestern Missouri on the first day of a two-week vacation to visit a stepdaughter and her husband.

Survivors include a son, Terron Evers of Kendallville, Ind.; a sister, Helen Burkes of Angola, Ind.; a nephew, Frank Evers, and his family; and two stepdaughters.

No services are planned.

Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, Mo., was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Demke

ALBION — Virginia P. Demke, 57, of Albion died at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Demke owned a day care center and had worked at Ethan Allen Furniture.

She enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

She was born Jan. 17, 1947, in Chicago, Ill., to Ervin and Mary (Strope) Haske. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and JoAnn Demke of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Eric Demke of Glendale Heights, Ill.; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Haske.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Joe Rhodes Jr.

AVILLA — Joe Rhodes Jr., 80, of Avilla died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, in Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Rhodes had been an Avilla resident since 1969, moving there from Lake of the Woods.

He had retired in 1986 after 20 years of service at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Rhodes was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a lifetime member of the Garrett American Legion Post.

He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Garrett.

Mr. Rhodes enjoyed hunting, especially raccoon hunting.

He was born July 10, 1924, in Stockport, Ohio, the son of Joe Sr. and Julie (McComas) Rhodes. On April 23, 1963, in Tennessee he married Floetta Maxine Bright. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Myrtle and Ron Garrison of Angola, Hazel and Terrell Golden of Pratville, Ala., Julie and James Peeples of Findlay, Ohio, Margaret and Doug Ashenfelter of Garrett, Connie and Craig Ball of Avilla, Louella and Rex Garringer of Ardmore, Okla., and Floetta and Byron Graves of Avilla; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Damon Rhodes of Panama City, Fla., Greg Rhodes of Panama City, Danny Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Wesley and Alissa Rhodes of Avilla; three sisters, Maxine Olds of Waterloo, Margaret Terry of Hicksville, Ohio, and Betty Kurtman of Auburn; 34 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Max Rhodes and James Rhodes, and a sister, Louella Strock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1370 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Kevin D. Bodey officiating. Burial with military services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett or the church.

Judith Riddle

UNION CITY, Mich. — Judith M. Riddle, 58, of Union City, Mich., died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Riddle was born Jan. 8, 1946, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., to Robert and Mary (Johnson) Schofield. She married Albert Riddle on Sept. 30, 1972, in Flint, Mich. He died in December, 1993.

She lived in the Union City area for many years. She had worked for Owens Corning in Angola as a quality control inspector, and was currently employed with Penguin Molding Corp. in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are a son, Albert Riddle of Union City; three daughters and a son-in-law, Stefanie Pelfrey of Union City, Billie and Clayton Bonham of Allen, Mich., and Robin Riddle of Bronson, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Penny Schofield of Kunkel, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ivadell and John Webb of Hillsdale, Mich., and Martha and Jim Cole of Kunkel; a special friend, Chris Wagner; and six grandchildren, Dennis Pelfrey III, Samantha Dunn, Clayton Bonham III, Billie May Bonham, Jacob Wolfinger and Jeffery Wolfinger Jr.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Courtney Bonham in 1993, and her parents.

Services will be at noon Indiana time on Saturday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich., with the Rev. Charles Sparks officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon Indiana time.

Memorials are to the family.

William Jennings Sr.

FREMONT — William T. Jennings Sr., 72, of Fremont died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jennings was born in Jackson, Mich. He was the owner of Jennings Music Store for 41 years, retiring in 2002. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Rhonda Jennings of Bluffton and William T. Jennings Jr. and Richard and Susan Jennings, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and John Fox of Fort Wayne; a sister, Birdine Lint of Columbus, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Baptist Church. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Kevin Kreischer

ST. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident near C.R. 51 and C.R. 60 in DeKalb County.

Mr. Kreischer

Mr. Kreischer was a lifetime farmer in Concord Township and was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Eastern school district for eight years.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, a 22-year member and former chief of the Concord Township Fire Department and a member of the Concord Township Advisory Board.

He was born Dec. 14, 1954, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Dorothy (Wells) Kreischer. They preceded him in death.

He married Renee Funk on June 1, 1975, in the Concord United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Karla Kreischer of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Derek Brown of Butler; two brothers, Keith Kreischer of Corunna and Kim Kreischer of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Laurin Brown.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Ronnie Kreischer.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Christopher Mongson officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church or the Concord Township Fire Department.

Demar Beber

AUBURN — Demar M. Beber, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Beber was employed as a laborer at Warner Gear in Auburn for 40 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge.

He was born May 16, 1915, in Garrett.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Barbara Beber of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Sue and John Ryan of Kennard; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zelma Beber, and a brother, Kenneth Beber.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Michele Baldwin

SIOUX FALLS S.D. — Michele A. Baldwin, 52, of Sioux Falls, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004.

Surviving are her husband, Roger Baldwin of Sioux Falls; a son, Bryan Weaver of Roanoke; a daughter, Denise Cooper of Garrett; three brothers, Kevin Connett and Alex Connett of Fort Wayne and Jody Connett of Clarksville, Tenn.; two sisters, Tina Masen and Cathy Busse, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; five nieces; and five nephews.

Private family services were held. Memorials are to Sioux Falls Hospice, 2710 W. 12th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

John Carboni

FORT WAYNE — John B. Carboni, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Carboni worked as a machine operator at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran, serving from Normandy to the Rhineland.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society, American Legion Post 157 and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of New Haven. He was a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are his wife, Rita, of Fort Wayne; six sons, John R. Carboni of LaPuente, Calif., Gary W. Carboni of New Haven, Timothy W. Carboni, James M. Carboni, Thomas A. Carboni and Dwayne E. Carboni, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Rita M. Moore of Fort Wayne; one brother, Benjamin Carboni of Ashley; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday with calling one hour before the service at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Father Paul McCarthy will officiate. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery. Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to St. John the Baptist Church.

Saturday, August 14, 2004

Ann Barker

ANGOLA — Ann Isabell Barker, 74, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

On Dec. 14, 1929, in Auburn, she was born to Dale and Georgia (Mason) Van Wagner.

She worked at Scott's Grocery in the deli and seafood department.

She was a member of the Ney Methodist Church, Ney, Ohio; graduated from Ney High School in 1948 where she was salutatorian; and worked as a nurse's aide at Hillside Nursing Home and Bryan Nursing Care in Bryan, Ohio, and at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Barker

Mrs. Barker loved animals, especially cats, and liked to read, cook, garden, collect recipes and write Bible verse.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Debbie Barker, Lynchburg, Va., Jeff and Donna Barker, Fort Wayne, and Quinn Barker, Waterloo; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Karolyn and Joe Winebrenner, Angola, Mary and Ron Hall, Lewisburg, Tenn., Susan Kellogg and her companion, Randy Layman, Alvordton, Ohio, and Becky Caldwell, Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Peggy Van Wagner, Springhill, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and Raymond Van Wagner, and her parents preceeded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Sunday, August 15, 2004

Dean J. Heltzel

ALBION — Dean J. Heltzel, 87, of Albion, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Heltzel was born July 8, 1917, in Noble County where he lived his entire life. He was a farmer who also worked in the kitchen at the Central Noble School Corp. and as a contractor for Wells Brothers Construction. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Albion.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson and Belle (Palmer) Heltzel; his wife, Malee Engle; and three sisters and one brother.

Services will be on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Paul Koble

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. Koble, 70, of Fort Wayne died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was retired from Dana Corp., where he had worked 42 years. He was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, Paul R. Koble of Garrett, and James Koble and Steven Koble, both of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Becky Wolff of Fort Wayne, Lori Longs of Constantine, Mich., and Lisa Hein of Waterloo; two sisters; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Walter McConnell

SHIPSHEWANA — Walter C. McConnell, 86, of Shipshewana died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

Mr. McConnell was retired from the City of Chicago Bureau of Equipment, and had moved from Chicago to LaGrange County in 1990.

He was a veteran of World War II in the Army Air Corps, and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

On July 16, 1918, in Chicago, he was born to Charles and Evelyn (Hughes) McConnell. He married Marian V. Anderson on Sept. 26, 1942, in Glendale, Calif. She preceded him in death on July 9, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Scott Anderson of Midlothian, Va., and Janet and James Nicholson of Bloomingdale, Ill.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Graveside military services will be conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

Helen Zimmerman

MESA, Ariz. — Helen B. Zimmerman, 60, of Mesa, Ariz., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Mesa.

She was born June 24, 1944, in Auburn to Lillian (Garrison) and Russel Ridenour. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Cinda Amrozowicz and Terry Mayo, both of Arizona; two sons, John Holloway and Tim Zimmerman, both of Arizona; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and her former husband, Dave Zimmerman, of Mesa.

Services were Saturday at the Ahwatuku Assembly of God Church in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the Children's Clothes Closet in care of the Ahwatuku Assembly of God, 11832 S. Warner-Elliott Loop, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Ronald Pataky

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Ronald Joseph Pataky, 65, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mr. Pataky

Born in Monterville, W.Va., and formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mr. Pataky was an owner/ operator with Quality Drive Away in Goshen. He also had owned a Shell gasoline station in Lansing, Mich., had served as an officer with the Ingham County Parks Police Department and had managed several restaurants in Michigan. Mr. Pataky was a U.S. Army veteran. He had served in Korea as a forward observer and at Fort Riley, Kan., in the Military Police Big Red One Division. He also served on the 5th Army Pistol Team.

Mr. Pataky was an avid reader and a proud grandfather.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Joseph and Julie Seburg of Schoolcraft, Mich., William T. and Kathleen Pataky of Kalispell, Mont., and Scott A. and Cindy Holzwart of Elkton, Mich.; and Stephanie A. Collins of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Ann Warner of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra S. and Al Phillips of Portage, Mich., and Sharon J. and Bud Warner of Defiance, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda A. Pataky, in 2002, and his parents, Joseph and Beatrice Pataky.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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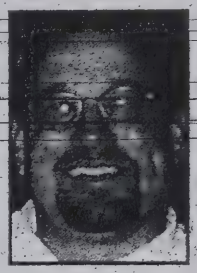
Kevin Kreischer

St. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident near C.R. 51 and C.R. 60 in DeKalb County.



Mr. Kreischer

Mr. Kreischer was a lifetime farmer in Concord Township and was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Eastern school district for eight years.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, a 22-year member and former chief of the Concord Township Fire Department and a member of the Concord Township Advisory Board.

He was born Dec. 14, 1954, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Dorothy (Wells) Kreischer. They preceded him in death. He married Renee Funk on June 1, 1974, in the Concord United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Karla Kreischer of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Derek Brown of Butler; two brothers, Keith Kreischer of Corunna and Kim Kreischer of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Lauren Brown.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Ronnie Kreischer.

Services were Saturday at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, with the Rev. Christopher Mongson officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church or the Concord Township Fire Department.

Brenda Wilson

LIGONIER — Brenda Kay Wilson, 51, of Ligonier died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Wilson

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and a housekeeper at Avalon Village Healthcare Center. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God, Ligonier, and enjoyed puzzle books, fishing and her pets, especially her dog Cricket. On May 1, 1953, she was born to Douglas and Kay (Taylor) Shearer. Her mother survives. She married Paul E. Wilson in 1981 in Cromwell. He preceded her in death in 2001.

Surviving in addition to her mother are a son, Tony Wilson of Ligonier; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Cheri Shearer, Mitchell and Linda Shearer and Mark and Kimberly Shearer, all of Ligonier, and Martin and Kathy Shearer of Goshen; and a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Oscar Jackson of Cromwell.

Her father also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

Donald Mikkelson

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. — Word has been received on the death of former Orland resident Donald G. Mikkelson, 82, of Chino Valley, Ariz., who died Monday, July 12, 2004.

Surviving are his wife Torance Mikkelson of Chino Valley; three sons, Fred Mikkelson of Chino Valley, Ron Mikkelson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Rick Mikkelson of Litchfield Park, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Chino Valley United Methodist Church. Heritage Memory Mortuary of Prescott was in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Curie

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline W. Curie, 86, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Henrietta Watkins

BRONSON, Mich. — Henrietta E. Watkins, 93, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 15.

Mrs. Watkins was born Aug. 4, 1911, in Monroe, Mich., to Ed and Hazel (Blair) Vogel. She was married to Howard L. Watkins, who preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1999.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Denise Slentz of Bronson and Deb Whitaker of Angola; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

No services or calling will be held. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio. Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Helen Koch

AUBURN — Helen L. Koch, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Koch was a homemaker. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and Harvest House.

Mrs. Koch

She was born Feb. 3, 1913, in Avilla to William and Emma L. (Deuitch) Vogeding. They preceded her in death.

She married Karl B. Koch on Aug. 30, 1937, in Chicago. He died March 1, 1984.

Surviving are her cousins and their spouses, Norbert Deuitch of Garrett, Jack and Lila Deuitch of LaPorte, William and Agnes Woenker of Pierceton, and Mary and Norbert Herber of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Geraldine Kaiser and Delores E. Abbott.

Services will be Friday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Assumption Cemetery at Glenwood, Ill.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Genevieve Knerr

DECATUR — Former Pleasant Lake resident Genevieve L. Knerr, 89, of Decatur died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Knerr was born Jan. 29, 1915, in Putnam County, Ohio, to John A. and Almira O. (Bair) Troyer. She was married to Frederick D. Knerr on Dec. 22, 1937. He died on June 30, 1991.

She was a homemaker and a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Harriet and Charles Sterrett of Frostburg, Md. and Linda and Rene Brown of Decatur; a sister, Mazie Fruchey of Reading, Mich.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, six sisters and a foster sister.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Jerry Webb and the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 9 p.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Reading.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church or Gideons.

Aaron Ginther

ELKHART — Aaron R. Ginther, 17, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a LaGrange County traffic accident on U.S. 20.

Aaron Ginther

He was a senior honor roll student at Elkhart Memorial High School in Elkhart where he was also a varsity starter on the soccer team, and a member of the Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) Group. His interests included paintball and cars. He was born on April 20, 1987, in Elkhart, to Timothy and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther of Elkhart. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

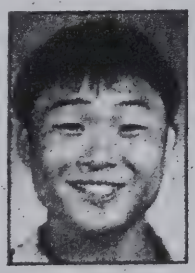
His brothers, Adam J. Ginther and Allen T. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland of the church officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Adam Ginther

ELKHART — Adam J. Ginther, 14, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident in LaGrange County on U.S. 20.


Adam Ginther

He was a freshman at Elkhart Memorial High School where he was an honor student and junior varsity captain of the soccer team. In middle school he participated in football, track and basketball. His interests included paintball and cars.

On Oct. 12, 1989, in Elkhart, he was born to Timothy K. and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther. They survive. Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

His brothers, Aaron R. Ginther and Allen T. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland of the church officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Allen Ginther

ELKHART — Allen T. Ginther, 12, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident in LaGrange County on U.S. 20.

Allen Ginther

He was a seventh-grader at Westside Junior High School in Elkhart where he was active in football. He was the October 2003 Student of the Month at Mary Daly Elementary School and an honor roll student.

He was born Jan. 29, 1992, in Elkhart to Timothy K. and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther, Elkhart. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

His brothers, Aaron R. Ginther and Adam J. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Curie

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline W. Curie, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she resided the past six years.

Mrs. Curie was an operator with Bell Telephone Co. and General Telephone before retiring in 1978. She belonged to the Telephone Pioneers of America and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Born in Kendallville on April 2, 1918, she was the daughter of Archie E. and Cora E. (Leiberenz) Wright. She married Keith Curie on April 26, 1964, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1999.

Surviving are a sister, Stella Rhea of Avilla; five nieces and four of their spouses, Diana Harold Leising and Rosetta and Teddy Owens, all of Rushville, Louise and Malcolm Maze of McCormick, S.C., Millie and Dan Moody of Garrett and Sylvia Driver of Fort Wayne; and two nephews and their spouses, Bill and Sharron Wright of Springfield, Ohio, and David and Jane Rhea of Kendallville.

In addition to her husband and parents, a brother, Archie "Teddy" Wright, a sister, Opal Lower, and two nephews, Edward Wright and Ronnie Lower, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Thomas Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, St. Claire and St. Francis Halls.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Willis Gerver

WAWAKA — Willis "Bill" Lloyd Gerver, 77, of Wawaka died at 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Gerver

He was a farmer and had lived most of his life in the Wawaka area.

Mr. Gerver graduated from Wawaka High School in 1944, and was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific theater during World War II.

On Aug. 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Lloyd and Tressa (Weaver) Gerver. He married Mary Weber on Dec. 26, 1948, in Cosperville. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2002.

He was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church, a trustee of the church, a member of the Farm Bureau Co-Op Board of Directors, former post commander of the Wawaka American Legion Post, and a member of the Albion American Legion Post. He enjoyed reading, history, attending steam engine meets, and watching sports, especially Chicago Cubs baseball and University of Notre Dame and Purdue University teams.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka, and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law and fiance, Linda and Carl Coffman of Kimmell, and Jan Knight and her fiance Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; a cousin, Mary Jane Garrett of Palm Springs, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Cosperville Baptist Church with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military services.

Calling will be 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Herbert Beekman

LAGRANGE — Herbert A. Beekman, 87, of Wolcottville died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mr. Beekman was a semi truck driver for Shippers Dispatch, and belonged to the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&A.M. in LaGrange and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in Summittville, he was born to Charles Francis and Torrence (Bush) Beekman. He married Harriet McConnell in Nappanee on Jan. 15, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Pugh of Inverness, Fla.; a niece, Gloria Buckles of Hudson; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildreen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, was a daughter, Michell Beekman, in 1993.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Buckles

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Eikenberry Buckles, 83, formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a short illness.

Mrs. Buckles

Mrs. Buckles was a well-known educator in DeKalb County. She was a graduate of St. Francis College and Indiana University.

For 40 years, Mrs. Buckles and her family lived southwest of Garrett, where they owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Buckles emphasized a commitment to reading and a love of books. She taught elementary school in the Auburn and Garrett schools. As the librarian at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett, she conducted children's reading programs and presented numerous book reviews and book fairs.

Mrs. Buckles was a 55-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. In the 1950s, she introduced the Welcome Wagon newcomers organization to Garrett. She was an active member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Retired Teachers Association, served as a Girl Scout leader and worked for the DeKalb County Advertiser.

After retiring from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school corporation, Mrs. Buckles established a comprehensive library for the First Church of Christ in Garrett. For five years, she oversaw the collection, cataloging and circulation of a library totaling nearly 1,000 volumes, including periodicals, books on tape and video series dealing with both Biblical subjects and current events. She considered that her greatest achievement was the frequent use of the library by young and old alike and that she could gather and provide reference information upon request.

James Stahn

FREMONT — James A. Stahn, 85, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004.

Mr. Stahn was born Jan. 14, 1919.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, O. Jon Buckles; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix, and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; eight grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Madeline Eikenberry of Mexico, Ind., and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Cedars Retirement Home of Leo or Heartland Home Health and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Edwin Ross

FORT WAYNE — Edwin Don Ross, 77, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at his home.

A native of Garrett, he was a Fort Wayne firefighter, retiring in 1992 after 32 years of service. He had served with the U.S. Army military police in World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 82.

Mr. Ross enjoyed fishing, reading and gardening.

Surviving are five daughters, Donna L. Krebs, Carol Pickles, Susan Frye and Sharon Ross, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeanne Kuczyk of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ellen Soloman of Auburn and Helen Wood of Waterloo.

His wife, Irene, preceded him in death in October 2003.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial at Highland Park Cemetery. American Legion Post 82 will conduct graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Edward Kelker

FORT WAYNE — Edward Glenn Kelker, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at St. Anne Home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a 38-year letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1974. He had also worked in the Allen County Clerk's office for 17 years, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Ronald Barnes of Auburn; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Michael and Margo Kelker of Basking Ridge, N.J., Thomas and Gloria Kelker, James and Marilyn Kelker and Edward and Michelle Kelker, all of Fort Wayne, and David Kelker of Boulder, Colo.; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine E. Kelker, in 1972; second wife, Doris I. Kelker in 1988; and third wife, Eleanor Kelker, in 1999.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic church, East State Boulevard at Randalia Drive, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. A vigil service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Ronald Pataky

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Joseph Pataky, 65, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mr. Pataky

Born in Monterville, W.Va., and formerly a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mr. Pataky was an owner-operator with Quality Drive Away in Goshen.

He also had owned a Shell gasoline station in Lansing, Mich., had served as an officer with the Ingham County Parks Police Department and had managed several restaurants in Michigan.

Mr. Pataky was a U.S. Army veteran. He had served in Korea as a forward observer and at Fort Riley, Kan., in the Military Police Big Red One Division. He also served on the 5th Army Pistol Team.

Mr. Pataky was an avid reader and a proud grandfather.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Joseph and Julie Seburg of Schoolcraft, Mich., William T. and Kathleen Pataky of Kalispell, Mont., and Scott A. and Cindy Holzwart of Elkton, Mich., and Stephanie A. Collins of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Ann Warner of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra S. and Al Phillips of Portage, Mich., and Sharon J. and Bud Warner of Defiance, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda A. Pataky, in 2002, and his parents, Joseph and Beatrice Pataky.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn handled arrangements.

Effie Crager

HUEYSVILLE, Ky. — Effie Crager, 92, of Hueysville, Ky., died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Mrs. Crager was a homemaker and member of the Salt Lick Community Church in Hueysville.

On July 24, 1912, she was born in Magoffin County to Willie and Martha (Howard) Shepherd. She married Jimmy Crager, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons: Herman Crager of Corunna, Ind., and Norman, Vernon and Cletis Crager, all of Hueysville; two daughters, Marie Hicks of Kendallville, Ind., and Ruth Wallace of Hueysville; three sisters, Ruby Gayheart of Prestonsburg, and Marie Conley and Sally Salisbury, both of Hueysville; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, a son, Estill Crager, a brother, John Estill Shepherd, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Sterlin Bolen, Carlos Beverly and Dolvin Ratliff officiating. Burial will be in the Crager family cemetery on Raccoon Creek, Hueysville.

Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

Henrietta Watkins

BRONSON, Mich. — Henrietta E. Watkins, 93, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

On Aug. 4, 1911, in Monroe, Mich., she was born to Ed and Hazel (Blair) Vogel. She married Howard L. Watkins. He preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1999.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Denise Slentz of Bronson, and Deb Whitaker of Angola; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

No services or visitation are scheduled.

Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Bearns Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Hyder

CROMWELL — Jane J. Hyder, 58, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at her residence.

She had lived in Cromwell for 32 years, having moved from Marion. She worked in production at Union Products in Cromwell and enjoyed fishing, cooking and crocheting.

In Marion on May 5, 1946, she was born to Farris and Gertrude (Harrell) Holcom.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson L. and Tami Correll Jr. of Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lynn Woodworth, Trudy McVoy and Moni and Robert Rivera, all of Cromwell; two brothers, Jim Holcom of Warsaw, and Ray Christman of Cromwell; two sisters, Rosetta Jennes of Oregon, and Portia Swininger of Montana; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Lenita Gondos

FORT WAYNE — Lenita E. (Pippenger) (Holston) Gondos, 83, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at her residence following an extended illness.

Mrs. Gondos

She moved to Fort Wayne from Albion in 1957.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed making and giving gifts of candy at Christmas and growing roses.

Born July 10, 1921, in Green Center, Noble County, she was the daughter of Wilbert F. and Laura I. (Diffendafer) Pippenger. She married Ernest D. Holston in 1940. He died on Aug. 23, 1961. She then married Leslie Gondos on July 7, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry L. Holston of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Leslie Gondos Jr. of California; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Rita and Brian Smith-Nehrig of Indianapolis, Mary and Brian Herhily of Mesa, Ariz., and Gabriella Rousseau of Beaufort, N.C.; a sister, Ilene Owen of Kimmell; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Terry L. Zollman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Raymond Hobbs

LIGONIER — Raymond Hobbs, 88, of rural Ligonier died at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident, a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, and enjoyed farming, gospel music and was always ready to offer his helping hands.

On Oct. 2, 1915, in Noble County, he was born to Clifford C. and Mae M. (Pierce) Hobbs. He married Ada Kring on Dec. 9, 1936, in Ligonier. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita D. and Art Strong of Kenosha, Wis.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A son, Larry D. Hobbs, a sister, Inez Beach and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Saturday at noon at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at Urey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Crosswalk Building Fund, in care of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Earl Holton

KENDALLVILLE — Earl T. Holton, 76, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holton

He was a veteran of the Korean War from 1950-1952 and attained the rank of sergeant 1st class in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Holton was employed by the state of Tennessee for 38 years as an accountant and auditor before retiring July 1, 1990. He was a member of the Harbor of Love Baptist Church and served as a deacon in the church.

In Rockville, Tenn., on May 24, 1928, he was born to Lee and Sallie (Taylor) Holton. He married Wanda Charlotte Simmons on Dec. 19, 1953, in Nashville, Tenn. She survives. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last December.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and Judy Holton of rural Kendallville; two sisters, Florene Hartbarger of Knoxville, Tenn., and Betty Hatcher of Nashville, Tenn.; two grandsons, Nathaniel and James Holton, both of rural Kendallville; and a father-in-law, Cluster Simmons of Avilla.

A sister, Mildred Insel, two brothers, Leon and Wallace Holton, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ChristCare Free Clinic or Harbor of Love Building Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Stahn

FREMONT — James A. Stahn, 85, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Stahn was born Jan. 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to Curt and Eva (Elder) Stahn. He was married to Reba June Close, who preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1993.

He was a retired mechanical engineer, and had worked at Hopkins Volcanic Heater in Alliance, Ohio. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He had lived in California, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. He retired and moved to Steuben County in 1984.

He was a graduate of Purdue University, and held a bachelor's degree in engineering. He was also a graduate of the University of California at Berkley with a master's degree in heat transfer.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra and Thomas Seabold of Bay Village, Ohio and Cynthia Stahn of Maumee, Ohio; two sons, James W. Stahn of Holland, Mich. and Richard C. Stahn of Grand Canyon, Ariz.; a sister, Joy Alpaugh of Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information on relatives.*

Helen Zimmerman

MESA, Ariz. — Helen B. Zimmerman, 60, of Mesa, Ariz., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Mesa due to lung cancer.

Mrs. Zimmerman

She was born June 24, 1944, in Auburn to Lillian (Garrison) and Russel Ridenour. They preceded her in death along with one brother, James D. Ridenour.

Surviving are two daughters, Cinda Amrozowicz and Terry Mayo, both of Arizona; two sons, John Holloway and Tim Zimmerman, both of Arizona; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; her former husband, Dave Zimmerman, of Mesa; two sisters, Dorothy Hicks of Brimfield and Delores Porter of Angola; and a brother, Charles Ridenour of Hillsdale, Mich.

Services were Saturday at the Ahwatuku Assembly of God Church in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the Children's Clothes Closet in care of the Ahwatuku Assembly of God, 11832 S. Warner-Elliott Loop, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Susan Farrell

DULUTH, Minn. — Susan "Sue" Farrell, 51, of Duluth, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at her home.

She was a registered nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, and a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Steve Farrell of Duluth; a daughter and her husband, Beth Ann and Scott Spisak of Fort Wayne; a son and his wife, Brandon and Debbie Beck, Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Amber and Mike Schneider of Columbus, Ohio; her father and stepmother, Ross and Peg Goodwin of Fort Meyers, Fla.; three sisters and their husbands, Barbara and Don Barbeau of Evanston, Ill.; Karen and Steve King of Hamilton and Christine and Rich Hall of fort Wayne; a brother and his wife, Steve and Jan Goodwin of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church, 230 Skyline Parkway, Duluth.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E. 2nd St., Duluth.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Earl Holton

KENDALLVILLE — Earl T. Holton, 76, Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holton

He was a veteran of the Korean War from 1950-1952 and attained the rank of sergeant 1st class in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Holton was employed by the state of Tennessee for 38 years as an accountant and auditor before retiring July 1, 1990. He was a member of the Harbor of Love Baptist Church and served as a deacon in the church.

In Rockville, Tenn., on May 24, 1928, he was born to Lee and Sallie (Taylor) Holton. He married Wanda Charlotte Simmons on Dec. 19, 1953, in Nashville, Tenn. She survives. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last December.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and July Holton of rural Kendallville; two sisters, Florene Hartbarger of Knoxville, Tenn., and Betty Hatcher of Nashville, Tenn.; and two grandsons, Nathaniel and James Holton, both of rural Kendallville.

A sister, Mildred Insel, two brothers, Leon and Wallace Holton, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ChristCare Free Clinic or Harbor of Love Building Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Russell Warner Sr.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Russell C. Warner Sr., 84, of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in Fort Myers.

In Green Township in Noble County he was born on Nov. 3, 1919, to Curtis and Esther Warner. On Nov. 4, 1950, in Auburn, he married Jean Hidy-Myers. She survives.

He moved from Kendallville to Louisville, Ky. in 1971 then to Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Warner sold insurance and mutual funds for Life Insurance of Kentucky and Florida Financial, and was known for his homemade ice cream as owner and operator of Love's Ice Cream.

He was a Kentucky Colonel and honorary captain of the Bell of Louisville.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Victoria Hoskins, Savannah, Ga.; two sons, Russell C. Warner II, Cape Coral, Fla., and Bill Myers, El Paso, Texas; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are private.

There is no calling.

Florence Bockus

GOSHEN — Florence A. Bockus, 93, of Goshen died at 12:50 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center of Goshen, where she had lived since Dec. 26, 1997.

On Nov. 26, 1910, in York Township, Middlebury, she was born to William and Loie (Tesdale) Baugh. She married John G. Bockus on June 15, 1935, in Middlebury. He died on Feb. 23, 1998.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury.

Surviving are a son, Jon G. Bockus, Goshen, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, three brothers, Earl, Faye and Guy Baugh, and two sisters, Lois Beach and Mattie Luke, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with senior pastor James F. Simpson and the Rev. Thomas Herbon, both of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Kenneth Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth S. Clouse, 96, of Albion died at 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at his Green Township residence.

On July 3, 1908, in Green Township, he was born to Tom C. and Daisey (Edsall) Clouse. He married Laura "Pat" Patton on Feb. 18, 1939, in the E.U.B. Church, Warsaw. She survives.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a proud Green Township farmer. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Albion, a 1927 Albion High School graduate, and enjoyed his farm, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse, Albion, and Dennis and Kathy (Moore) Clouse, Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jerry and Laura Zawadzke, Kim Meyer, Todd, Adam and Kerry Clouse, Krista Brandt and Erin Moore-Clouse; a brother and sister-in-law, William G. and Jayne Clouse, Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Frymier, Morrison, Colo.

In addition to his wife, two sisters, Merry Bailey and Ema Louise Egolf, a brother, Frank Clouse, and his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Calling will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the family farm at 771 E. C.R. 200S in Green Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sunny Breeze Christian Association in Florida to help rebuild after the recent hurricane

Gerald McKee

SPENCERVILLE — Gerald L. "Jerry" McKee, 66, of Spencerville died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at his home.

He retired in 2003 from Meridian Automotive, where he had worked 11 years.

Mr. McKee had been a member of the Eagles in Hicksville, Ohio, and Countryside Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian, of Spencerville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Travis L. McKee, at home, and Troy E. and Stefanie McKee of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Jack McKee of Dixon, Ill., and Richard and Robert McKee, both of Harlan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior to the service at Countryside Church of Christ, 1434 Hurshtown Road, Grabill. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Michael Patton

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael J. Patton, 57, of Arlington, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in Joplin, Mo., of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Patton was a truck driver for Hookit Trucking Co. in Texas and had driven for DTF Trucking Co. in Columbia City. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Churubusco American Legion.

He was born Aug. 22, 1946, to Bert J. and Hanna (Asher) Patton in Manchester, Ky. He lived in Las Vegas for 30 years after serving in the Air Force, then moved to Churubusco until moving to Arlington on Feb. 4, 2003.

He is survived by five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Lanucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn and Patti and Brian Kline of Waterloo; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Larry Patton and Pat and Sandy Patton, all of Churubusco, and Bob Patton of Bayford, N.M.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Rick Van Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Billy Ternet

LAOTTO — Billy A. Ternet Sr., 57, of LaOtto died at 9:03 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Ternet

Mr. Ternet had worked at Franke Plating Works in Fort Wayne as a precious metal plater for almost 40 years and had, in the last year, started another plating company with Nuter Coatings in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 19, 1947, to Clifford and Helen (Lewis) Ternet in Fort Wayne. He married Loretta F. Hunter on June 17, 1968, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, Clifford Ternet of rural LaOtto; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa Stewart of Garrett, Sheila and Scott Adams of Churubusco and Jessie and Terry Williamson of Monroeville; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Imani Woodard of Indianapolis and Billy A. and Penny Ternet Jr. of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jackie and Sandra Ternet of LaOtto, Neal and Garree Ternet of Tri-Lakes, Ned and Rita Ternet of Garrett and Ted and Camille Ternet of South Whitley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy and Jerry Strowmatt of Kendallville and Carol Ternet of rural Avilla; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; three aunts; and three uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Ternet, and aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Stephen James will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

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Kenneth Clouse

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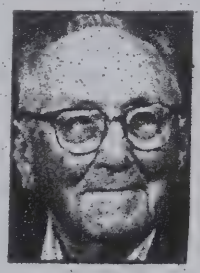

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Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse, Albion, and Dennis and Kathy (Moore) Clouse, Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jerry and Laura Zawadzke, Kim Meyer, Todd, Adam and Kerry Clouse, Krista Brandt and Erin Moore-Clouse; a brother and sister-in-law, William G. and Jayne Clouse, Albion; and a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Frymier, Morrison, Colo.

Two sisters, Merry Bailey and Ema Louise Egolf; a brother, Frank Clouse; and his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Because Mr. Clouse was so proud of his home and farm, his family would like to invite all friends and family to the farm from 1 to 4 p.m. today at 771 E. C.R. 200S in Green Township to share thoughts and memories.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sunny Breeze Christian Association in Florida to help rebuild after the recent hurricane.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Hamilton

ATHENS, Ala. — Robert M. Hamilton Sr., 78, formerly of Metz, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Athens Convalescent Center, Athens, Ala.

Mr. Hamilton was born Aug. 13, 1926, in Indianapolis. He served in World War II. Mr. Hamilton was a partner in Keystone Building Corp., leaving that firm in 1982 to farm.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon Hamilton of Buena Vista, Colo., Janet Van Horn of Athens, and Anita and Mike Wehrmeister of Antwerp, Ohio; four sons and three daughters inlaw, Robert M. and Cheryl, Walter G. and James M. and Maryann, all of Metz, and Paul R. and Francis of Ardmore, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling. Memorials are to a local Alzheimer's association.

Arrangements are by Spry Funeral Home, Athens.

Steven Beer

FREMONT — Steven D. Beer, 53, of Fremont, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Beer was born Dec. 2, 1950, in Decatur, to Loren Dale and Ramona (Strahm) Beer. He was married to Diana L. Lee on March 5, 1972, in Angola. She survives.

He was a 21-year employee at RR Donnelly (formerly Moore Business Forms) in Angola. He was a 1969 Angola High School graduate. He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and the former Fremont Men's Club.

Also surviving are his mother, Ramona Beer of Fremont; two daughters, Amanda Beer of Champaign, Ill. and Lexie Beer of Peoria, Ill.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Todd and Kris Beer and Greg and Cheryl Beer, all of Fremont, and Mark and Terri Beer of Angola; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and James Grandin and Pam and Mike Holcomb, all of Angola, and Lana and Jack Woodring of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father on April 9, 1984.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Amanda and Lexie Beer College Education Fund.

Troy Baker

HUDSON — Troy Logan Baker, 15 days, of Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Troy was born in Angola on Aug. 5, 2004.

Surviving are his parents, Cory and Cassandra Baker of Hudson; his twin brother, Trevor Lee Baker, at home; a sister, Haley Mae Baker, at home; a brother, Cory Lynn Baker Jr., at home; grandparents, Mike and Mary Parker of Hudson, Terry and Vickie Baker of Angola and Betty Baker of Huntertown; great-grandparents, Charles "Chuck" Parker of Hudson, Doris Baker of Garrett and Alfred Rollins of Churubusco; great-great-grandmother, Alice M. Kistler of Hudson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Darold L. Beck officiating. Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Harvey Fry

AUBURN — Harvey Albert Fry, 100, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Fry was born Dec. 25, 1903, in Allen County, to Edward DeFord and Louise Virginia (Gerardot) Fry. He married Mary Ellen Ellis on Sept. 12, 1923. She preceded him in death in 1995.

He grew up in Jefferson Township near Monroeville. He lived in Allen County most of his life, and in DeKalb County in his later years.

He retired from Pennsylvania Railroad in 1965 after 44 years of service. He rode the Inner Urban Rail Service.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Fay Emenhiser of Auburn; a son, Wade Eldon Fry of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses, Karen and Vince Fuleki and Charlene and Larry Bowman, all of Auburn; Desiree and Scott Rayl of Cincinnati, Ohio; Nanette and James Alkire of Dallas; Kevin and Cheryl Fry of Fort Wayne; and Lynn and Lisa Fry of Auburn; 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Keith Owen, in 2001; and a sister, Viola Louise Stewart, in 1967.

Private graveside services will be held on Tuesday at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, with the Rev. Barbara Cross of Calvary United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, or Auburn Church of Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Brown Funeral Home Inc., Hicksville, Ohio.

Lowell Elliston

KENDALLVILLE — Lowell Charles Elliston, 63, Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Elliston was born on Oct. 3, 1940, in Hastings, Mich., the son of Vern B. and Iza Lucile (Jarred) Elliston. Both preceded him in death.

Mr. Elliston was a retired dump truck operator for Carey Excavating. He moved to Kendallville 14 years ago from Nashville, Mich.

He is survived by two daughters, Pamela Weossner, Middleville, Mich., and Connie Porter, Nashville; one son and daughter inlaw, Vern and Wendy Elliston, Nashville; two brothers and sisters inlaw, Richard and Lois Elliston and Larry and Jo Anne Elliston, all of Nashville; nine grandchildren, Valerie Domonique, Ethan and Elizabeth Woessner and Daniel, Courneya, Autumn Rose, Norman, Jennifer and Nichole Porter; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Ronald Bonar

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald L. Bonar, 55, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Strater

BUTLER — Robert C. "Bobby" Strater, 53, of Butler, and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Fred Church

LAGRANGE — Fred R. Church, 79, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Church was born in Evart, Mich. He was a salesman with Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 82, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith R. and Shannon Church of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elaine and Keith Seitz of New Haven, Pamela and Michael Boschet of Warsaw and Janice Ruby of Fort Wayne; 11 sisters, four brothers, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, LaGrange. Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Riley Children's Hospital.

Monday, August 23, 2004

Scott Bradley

SELMA, Ind. — Scott E. Bradley, 49, of Selma died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 16, 1954, in Dunkirk and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Mr. Bradley

Surviving are his wife, Debborah S. Bradley; a son, Chris Clairday; a daughter, Stacey Maggo; a stepdaughter, Jessica Clairday; his mother, Doloris (Pearson) Bradley of Garrett; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Peggy Sutton, Beth and Steve Anderson, and Cindy Bradley; a brother, Kent Bradley; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Owen M. Bradley, and a brother, John Bradley.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Elm Ridge Funeral Home with Danny Lewis officiating. Burial will be at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the family.

Theresa Zentz

BUTLER — Theresa E. Zentz, 88, of Butler died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at 6 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Zentz was retired as a clerk at Workers World of Butler.

She was born May 21, 1916, in Melbourne, Ohio, to Leonard and Goldie (Blaisdell) Meyer.

She married Clarence Zentz on Mary 26, 1934, in Edon, Ohio. He died Jan. 26, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Larry Schlosser of Butler; a brother, Robert Meyer of Edgerton, Ohio; and a grandson, Jaisen Zentz of Ridgeway, S.C.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Darrell Meyer and Kenneth Meyer, and two sisters, Ilen Meyer and Reeda Meyer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dan Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

Monday, August 23, 2004

Carl Berry

FREMONT — Carl Alfred Berry, 68, of Fremont died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Berry was born Oct. 19, 1935, in Danville, Ill., to Leo and Margaret (Rumble) Berry.

He had been a security guard for Guardmark Security. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are two daughters, Carla Rauhut of Coldwater Lake, Mich., and Elizabeth "Libby" Moorman of Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; a sister, Dorothy Loy of Rantoul, Ill.; a brother, Dale Berry of Effingham, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Amber.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an uncle, Marvin Rumble; and a special friend, LaVonne Sheehan.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County of the American Cancer Society Myeldyplastic Syndrome Research.

Marvin Rehklau

CAMDEN, Mich. — Marvin G. Rehklau, 59, of rural Camden, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, shortly after admission to Community Hospital and Wellness Center in Bryan, Ohio, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Rehklau was born Feb. 24, 1945, to Carl E. and June Marie (Close) Rehklau in the Rehklau family farm home near Pioneer, Ohio. He was married to Sheri Chamberlain on Nov. 11, 1994, in Bryan. She survives.

He was a 1964 graduate of Waldron High School in Waldron, Mich.

He was a lifelong farmer and had been employed for 28 years as a machinist and assembler at ARO/Ingersoll-Rand Corp., in Bryan. For a number of years, he had owned and operated Marv's Auto and Farm Equipment Repair at his farm.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bryan.

Also surviving are his father, Carl E. Rehklau of Camden; two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Diane Rehklau of Alvordton, Ohio, and Jeff and Kim Rehklau of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Jamie Rice of Dayton, Ohio; a stepson, Brandon Cassidy, at home; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Colette and Wayne Waddington of Santee, Calif., and Kendra Cassidy of Jonesville, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, C. Wayne and Sandra Rehklau of Pioneer; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol M. and Larry Seeley of Angola and Carleen and Patrick Wyse of Archbold, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, June Marie Rehklau, in 1977.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Indiana time Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Bryan, with Pastor John MacFarlane officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time Tuesday at Thompson Funeral Home, Pioneer.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Monday, August 23, 2004

Robert Strater

KENDALLVILLE — Robert C. "Bobby" Strater, 53, of Kendallville died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital after struggling with mental illness and cancer. He had resided at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler for the past 10 years.

Mr. Strater

Mr. Strater was a former farmer in Kendallville and Wolcottville. He graduated in 1970 from East Noble High School. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Kendallville to Robert B. and Marie (Leitch) Strater. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters, Glenna Mae Becker of Huntertown and Rita Fay Derrow of LaOtto; three nieces, Michelle Becker, Summer Brateman and Cristalle Kline; one nephew, Steve Becker; and three great-nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Richard Frederick of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church and the Rev. Eugene Woolever of Corunna officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

Melvin Miller

TOPEKA — Melvin J. Miller, 78, of Topeka died at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and owned and operated a woodworking shop.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Miller was born Oct. 21, 1925, in LaGrange County to Jacob E. and Mary (Miller) Miller. On Nov. 7, 1946, in LaGrange County, he married Susie D. Nissley. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Mary and Mervin Miller and Fannie Miller, all of Topeka, Clara and Marion Miller of Howe, Rose and Ira Lee Hochstetler of Wolcottville, Sara and Mervin Whetstone of LaGrange and Lena and Perry Lehman of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Sue Miller and Crist and Leanna Miller, all of Topeka, and David and Kathrine Miller of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville and Mary and Ora Miller of Millersburg; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ervin and Mary Miller and Eli Miller, all of Topeka; 43 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, a brother, a sister, and a sister-in-law.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Crist Miller residence, 5780 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Crist Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Bonar

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald L. Bonar, 55, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bonar

Mr. Bonar recently retired after 30 years with GTE. He was a 1968 graduate of East Noble High School and received an associate's degree in business and accounting in 1975.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and the American Technical Society.

Mr. Bonar attended Harvest Community Church.

He was born April 3, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Robert L. and Patricia Ann (Biggs) McClish. They are deceased. His stepfather, Donald McClish, is also deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Teresa Kay "Terri" McGee of Argyle, Texas, Diana Lewis of Kendallville and Donna Mattes of Churubusco; four nephews, Tadd Hendricks of Argyle, Texas, Jason Lewis of Kendallville, Ronnie Lewis of Kendallville and Raymond Mattes of Churubusco; and a niece, Crystal Handshoe of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Rich Laskowski of Harvest Community Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

Phyllis Freeman

AUBURN — Phyllis Annetta Freeman, 68, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Freeman

Born in Auburn, she was a telephone operator with AT&T for 27 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of Auburn Nazarene Church.

Surviving are a son, Paul Freeman of Auburn; a brother, Phillip Croy of Garrett; and two sisters, Margaret Marti of Garrett and Shirley Patton of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert P. Freeman; a daughter, Pamela Gettys, in 2003; two sisters, Martha Vogtman and Joanna Mayse; and one brother, William Mark Croy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Nazarene Church, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Nazarene Church or to the family.

Adeline Stuckey

AUBURN — Adeline Stuckey, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stuckey was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau 4T's and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 1, 1907, in Pike County to John and Barbara (Gingerich) Aschleman.

She married LaVern H. Stuckey on March 28, 1929, in Spencerville. He died Sept. 8, 1958.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell L. and Joyce Stuckey of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Lowneta and Charles Freed of Waterloo; a brother, Raymond Aschleman of Auburn; a sister, Mildred Palmer of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Fink, Tracy Barse, Trent Stuckey, Cynthia Reed and Richard Freed; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, William, Cletus, Elmer and Amos Aschleman.

Private family services will be today with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

A memorial service will be next month at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, with the date and time to be announced later.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or the Heimach Center.

Mildred Fisher

ANTWERP, Ohio — Mildred B. Fisher, 88, of Antwerp died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in Paulding County Hospital at Paulding, Ohio.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, Ohio, a 59-year member of Antwerp American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary and a 36-year member of Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 Auxiliary.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing with her father and brothers.

She was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Payne, Ohio, to Ernest F. and Verna B. (Beucler) Foreman. The preceded her in death.

On June 20, 1940, she married Leland A. Fisher. He died April 12, 1988.

Surviving are three sons, Irvin Anspach Jr. of Payne, Harl "Mike" Fisher of Butler, Ind., and Vanard Fisher of Bryan, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Franklin and George Foreman, and two grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp. The Rev. David Meriwether will officiate. Burial will be at Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne.

Calling will be today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

A VFW Auxiliary service will begin at 7 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Kidney Foundation.

Tuesday, August 24, 2004

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with information about additional surviving relatives.*

Barbara Buckles

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Eikenberry Buckles, 83, formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a short illness.

Mrs. Buckles

Mrs. Buckles was a well-known educator in DeKalb County. She was a graduate of St. Francis College and Indiana University.

For 40 years, Mrs. Buckles and her family lived southwest of Garrett, where they owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Buckles emphasized a commitment to reading and a love of books.

She taught elementary school in the Auburn and Garrett schools. As the librarian at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett, she conducted children's reading programs and presented numerous book reviews and book fairs.

Mrs. Buckles was a 55-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. In the 1950s, she introduced the Welcome Wagon newcomers organization to Garrett. She was an active member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Retired Teachers Association, served as a Girl Scout leader and worked for the DeKalb County Advertiser.

After retiring from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school corporation, Mrs. Buckles established a comprehensive library for the First Church of Christ in Garrett. For five years, she oversaw the collection, cataloging and circulation of a library totaling nearly 1,000 volumes, including periodicals, books on tape and video series dealing with both Biblical subjects and current events. She considered that her greatest achievement was the frequent use of the library by young and old alike and that she could gather and provide reference information upon request.

She also volunteered for a number of years at Lindenview in the Parkview Hospital complex, establishing its patient and staff libraries. Her other interests included reading, sewing and quilting, and traveling with her husband.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, O. Jon Buckles, of The Cedars at Leo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ada and Dr. Harmon Baldwin of Bloomington, and Marjorie Kepner of Phoenix; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Eikenberry of Peru, Ind., and Wallace and Betty Eikenberry of Lake Placid, Fla.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix, and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jody Lee Miller of Portland, Ore., Chad Miller of Santa Clara, Calif., Jon Gabriel and Melissa Miller of Groton, Conn., Carisa and Paul Whittall of Wiltshire, England, Libby Shelby and Johnny Shelby of Phoenix and Hillary Conrad and Max Conrad of Petaluma, Calif.; and four great-granddaughters, Ally and Gabrielle Miller of Groton, and Madeline and Abigail Whittall of Wiltshire.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Madeline Eikenberry of Mexico, Ind., and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services were held Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to The Cedars Retirement Home of Leo or Heartland Home Health and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

William Young

HUDSON — William Edward Young, 67, of McClish Lake near Hudson died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Young

Mr. Young worked as a journeyman maintenance man at Renaissance Publishing in Auburn and had worked for Group Dekko companies from 1980-1987. He had also worked for Schmuck Garage in Kendallville and enjoyed working on race cars.

Mr. Young had served as a reserve officer for the Kendallville Police Department during the 1970s.

He will be remembered as being Santa Claus in the Kendallville area for the past 48 years.

Mr. Young was a 32-year member and past governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville, Limberlost Legion of the Moose and held the Fellowship Degree in the International Loyal Order of the Moose.

He was an amateur radio operator and a 12-year member of the Sons of the American Legion in Kendallville.

Mr. Young was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed antique automobiles. He was an avid fisherman and just last week had shared his grandson's first fishing experience.

He volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville, Cancer Services of Allen County, the American Cancer Society and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He was a Gift of Life donor, donating tissue, bone and eyes.

Mr. Young was born March 29, 1937, in Kendallville to Otto Edward and Deloruse A. (Strouse) Young. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla. On April 20, 1979, in Albion, he married Judy Colleen Burnworth. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Young and his companion Melinda Myers of Kendallville; a daughter, Tara Marie Young; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Jack Jarrett of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Star Young of Garrett; a sister-in-law and her husband, Margaret and Lloyd Miller of North Manchester; and a grandson, Jaycob William Young.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion at a later date.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Friendship Food Pantry, Cancer Services of Allen County or the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Lois Heckner

DEARBORN, Mich. — Lois J. Heckner, 69, of Dearborn and formerly of Ligonier, Ind., died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Heckner had moved to Michigan in April. She had been a resident of Ligonier since 1962.

She had taught school in Goshen and in the West Noble school system.

Mrs. Heckner was a founding member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, where she had served as treasurer for many years.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening and the performing arts. She was prolific at making rag rugs and had formed a rug manufacturing company with her sister.

Mrs. Heckner had served on the Ligonier Plan Commission and had been a member of the Ligonier Library Board. She had been a member of the Ligonier Study Club and involved with Girl Scouts. She loved giving parties and hosted many political events.

She was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Valparaiso, Ind., to Walter Martin and Helen Emily Sofia (Brockman) Miller. On Sept. 10, 1956, in Orleans, France, she married Howard G. Heckner. He died March 29, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Esther Heckner of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kate and Joseph Ulrey of Dearborn and Anne and Dan Holland of Wellington, New Zealand; two sisters, Marian Miller of Manhattan, N.Y., and Helen Miller of Shingle Springs, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Russell Furhmann and Mrs. Heckner's sister-in-law, the Rev. Dorothy Heckner-Mendonca, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Historical Society.

Donald Zell

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald O. Zell, 48, of Columbia City died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Columbia City.

Mr. Zell had been an inspector with Auburn Gear in Auburn for one year. Prior to that he worked for Essex Wire in Columbia City.

He lived in the area 20 years, coming from Copperas Cove, Texas.

Mr. Zell was a U.S. Army veteran and served eight years of active duty. He also had served in the National Guard with 16 years of active service and was assigned to the Armories in Bluffton and South Haven, Mich.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing and auto racing's CART and IRL divisions.

Mr. Zell was born April 2, 1956, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Shirley (Nicholson) Zell. His father died Sept. 20, 1989, and his mother survives in Columbia City. On Jan. 4, 1982, in Lampass, Texas, he married Darby Gaff. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig Zell and his special friend Brandy Kemerly of New Castle, and Anthony Zell of Chicago; a daughter, Heather Davis of Columbia City; a sister, Kathy "Kate" Lafountain of Columbia City; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Stanley and Pricilla Gaff of Columbia City; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law and their spouses, Dale and Lisa Gaff of Columbia City, Doug and Jenny Gaff of Albion and Shannon and Donna Ruby of Columbia City; a grandson, Jordan Davis; and several nieces and nephews that were very special to him.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

Orie Hostetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Orie W. Hostetler, 93, of Shipshewana died at 1:10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had resided for the past year.

Mr. Hostetler was a lifetime area resident.

He had been a farmer and employed at Monteith in Shipshewana and DuoTherm in LaGrange.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

Mr. Hostetler was born Nov. 8, 1910, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Carolyn (Rheinheimer) Hostetler. On March 28, 1937, in LaGrange County he married Ruby Mishler. She died May 14, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Letha and Gerald Bontrager of Goshen, Verda and Lowell Bontrager of Millersburg and Rosalie and Jerry Simon of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Midge Hostetler of Shipshewana and Glen and Audree Hostetler of Waterloo, Wis.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a half brother, Josiah Hostetler; two infant sons; an infant daughter; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with Pastors Carl Horner and Brent Eash of Shore Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Everett Herron

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio — The Rev. Everett Earl Herron, 89, a Kendallville native, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Brewster Parke Nursing and Senior Living Community Center in Brewster.

The Rev. Herron was an ordained elder who served as pastor, evangelist, chaplain and minister of music and as an organist at various churches throughout the Church of the Nazarene and at other community services for more than 60 years.

His pastoral ministry included serving the congregations of the First Church of the Nazarene in the cities of Buffalo and Kingston, in New York state and the West Main Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne.

At age 11, he decided to become a Christian at a Nazarene tent meeting in Kendallville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, V. Evelyn Robinett Herron; his parents, Arlo and Orpha (Smith) Herron; and a daughter Sandra K.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Linda Herron of Enon Valley, Pa.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and H. Bill McDavitt of Litchfield; and Charlene and Wayne Norton of Parma Heights; three sisters, Retha Smith, Marie Schwartz and Betty Rice all of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at State Road Community Church of the Nazarene, 8600 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio.

Calling will be at Golul Funeral Home, 5986 Ridge Road, Parma, from 2 to 8 p Thursday.

Memorials are to Evere Herron Memorial Fund c/c Brewster Parke, 264 Mohic St., Brewster, Ohio, 44613.

Ernest Kelley

WOODBURN — Ernest M. Kelley, 85, of Woodburn died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home.

A native of Spencerville, he retired in 1978 from International Harvester, where he had worked 29 years.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Eunice A. Kelley; one daughter, Mary Lou Kallsen of Antwerp, Ohio; three sons, Vernon D. Kelley of Hamilton, Larry R. Kelley of North Webster and Terry L. Kelley of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Peggy Jenkins and Wanda McNabb, both of Leo; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Madonna Morr; a brother, Victor Kelley; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Scipio United Methodist Church, S.R. 37, Harlan, with lunch following the service.

Memorials are to the Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

The Hockemeyer Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Arthur Kimberly

LAGRANGE — Arthur F. Kimberly, 94, of LaGrange and formerly of Columbus, Ind., died at 6:25 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Kimberly was born Oct. 4, 1909, in New Jersey to Clarence and Nannette (Lenahan) Kimberly.

His wife, Arlene Fleck Kimberly, preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn Moody.

Surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Keith Greathouse of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

Memorial services will be held Monday at Jewell-Rittmar Funeral Home in Columbus.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of local arrangements.

Eugene Meyer

AVILLA — Eugene C. Meyer, 95, of Avilla died at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mr. Meyer was a lifetime area resident and had worked in tool grinding for Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1972 after 32 years of service.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Moose Lodge and the Quarter Century Club of Zollner Corp.

Mr. Meyer was born May 19, 1909, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Anna (Senn) Meyer. On Nov. 30, 1940, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Edna C. Kreienbrink. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Phillip and Sharon Meyer of Pleasant Lake near Angola, and Stephen and Janet Meyer and Paul "Chip" Meyer, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Bob Treesh of Kendallville and June and Nick Teliha of Plainfield; three brothers, Leo Meyer and Carl Meyer, both of Fort Wayne, and James Meyer of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Marguerite Meyer of Avilla and Sister Anna Clare Meyer of Frankfort, Ill.; nine grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; one great-grandchild; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Alphonse and Richard Meyer, and two sisters, Rose and Stella Meyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Merle Bell

GOSHEN — Merle Mona "Grams" Bell, 96, of Goshen died at 12:56 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen where she had lived since July 2001.

Mrs. Bell had lived six years in Middlebury and most of her life in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She was a homemaker and former member of the South Congregational Church in Grand Rapids where she raised her family. She attended First United Methodist Church in Middlebury while living there with her daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Bell

Mrs. Bell was born Sept. 12, 1907, in Lodi, Texas, to Charles and Lola (Benson) Ball.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Otto Bell, in December 1976.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Barbara Collins of Middlebury; seven grandchildren, Timothy and Karin Flannery, Joni and Tom Hornak, Derek and Amy Bell, David and Jennifer Bell, Terence and Lisa Bell, Amy and Eric Granata and K.C. Collins; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at the chapel at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids with the Rev. Eric Britcher officiating.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

John Tieman

AUBURN — Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson for John Tieman, 45, of Auburn.

Mr. Tieman died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Albert Huisman

AUBURN — Albert R. Huisman, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

A native of Parkersburg, Iowa, he worked in maintenance at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, for 36 years. He was an Army Air Force veteran and a member of the Sherwood Baptist Church, the Defiance Moose, the Bryan, Ohio, Eagles and the Defiance Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella (Campbell) Huisman of Auburn; one son, Albert Huisman of Hamilton; a sister, Doris Smith of Roseburg, Ore.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Henrickson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, Ohio, with calling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burial will be at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance with graveside services by the VFW.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Marjorie Johnson

GARRETT — Marjorie E. Johnson, 82, formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at 4:35 a.m in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Johnson had lived in Garrett for 61 years before moving to the Laurels of DeKalb in 2002. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society. She was a homemaker.

Born Jan. 29, 1922, in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Herman and Helen (Carteaux) DePew.

On May 14, 1941, in Avilla, she married Edward J. Johnson. He died Dec. 20, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Tom Dembickie of Garrett and Anita and Kent York of Corunna; four sisters, Dolores Mueller and Naomi "Ann" Hoeffel, both of Garrett, Constance Englert Helmkamp of Auburn and Josephine Flesch of Ossian; three grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul DePew and Donald DePew, and two sisters, Guinevere Meyer and Hermine Meyer.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials to are to masses or the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Robert Wallace

KINGSTON, Tenn. — Robert Herman Wallace, 63, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at his residence.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and attended Luminary Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Indiana to Walter and Mabel Wallace.

He married Nancy K. Burris in 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert H. and Lisa Wallace Jr. of Rome City, Ind., Tony Alan and Vicki Wallace of Cromwell, Ind., and Carl R. and Brandee Burris Jr. of Corryton, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Retta and Donald French of Cromwell, Marion and Tommy Adcox of Spring City, and Donna Kay and Robert James of Bakewell.; three brothers, Donald Applegate of Hartford City, Ind., Cecil Wallace of Ligonier, Ind., and Edward Wallace of Deleon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell, and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at Brown Funeral Home in Kingston, with the Rev. Bill Duncan officiating.

Burial was in Rose Cemetery, Kingston.

Roger McEwen

KENDALLVILLE — Roger McEwen, 54, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Applewood Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Among his survivors are his parents, Charles and Marilyn McEwen of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Evangolene Notestine

BRANDON, Fla. — Evangolene Notestine, 93, of Brandon died Saturday, July 31, 2004, in Brandon.

She was born in LaGrange County, Ind., and formerly resided in Mongo and Kendallville.

She was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church, Wayne Center United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold O. Notestine; sons, Gordon D. Notestine and Jack R. Notestine; her parents, Thomas and Mary Ellen Fair; and a brother, Alto Fair.

Services were held in Florida.

C. Stephen Mansfield

ARROYO GRANDE, Calif. — C. Stephen Mansfield, 64, of Arroyo Grande, Calif., died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004.

He was a certified public accountant and a 1964 graduate of Ball State University, Muncie.

Surviving are his wife, Marianne; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Steve Schneider; a brother, George T. Mansfield of Angola; three grandchildren; a nephew and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristi.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Lady Family Mortuary in Arroyo Grande.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 1428 Phillips Lane, Suite 201, San Luis Obispo CA 93401.

Leonard Lowe

SHIPSHEWANA — Leonard L. Lowe, 61, of Shipshewana died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange where he had been a resident for three weeks.

Mr. Lowe lived in the area 29 years and was a forklift driver and press operator for Lake Park Industries in Shipshewana.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the International Trotting and Pacing Association.

He was born Dec. 9, 1942, in Monon to Lloyd and Nerine (Eide) Lowe who survive in Monticello. On Dec. 10, 1967, in Shipshewana, he married Cynthia J. Broge. She died May 2, 1991.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig A. Lowe of Shipshewana and Robert L. Lowe of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Lotus and Eckhard Schiller of Enterprise, Ala.; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Marilyn Lowe of Monticello; and a granddaughter, Cynthia Lowe.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Scott United Methodist Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Seidner Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society or Scott United Methodist Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Roger McEwen

KENDALLVILLE — Roger Dale McEwen, 54, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McEwen

Mr. McEwen had lived the past eight years in Ocala, Fla.

He served in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970.

He was born May 18, 1950, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Charles L. and Marilyn Jean (Cooper) McEwen. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Lyle McEwen of Battlecreek, Mich.; three sisters, Nancy J. McEwen of Mesa, Ariz., Cheryl Ann McEwen of Chandler, Ariz.; and Susan McEwen of Tucson, Ariz.; and a brother, Mark Allen McEwen of Crystal River, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier of First Christian Church officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kristy Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Kristy Ann Campbell, 55, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Joe Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joe "Buster" Polly, 70, of Wolcottville died at 6:21 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mr. Polly

Mr. Polly had retired in 1995 from Newnam Foundry after 19 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Polly had attended Shiloh Baptist Church at Ligonier.

He was born March 4, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Clark Sr. and Nanie (Amburgey) Polly. On June 24, 1961, in Brighton he married Eva Noble. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Mona Polly of Lawrenceburg, Roger and Judy Polly of Middlebury and Roedonald and Shellie Polly of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rita and Rick Shafer of Howe, Rebecca Polly of Fort Wayne and Renita and Rich Bucholtz of Jones, Mich.; four brothers, Clark Polly Jr. of Three Rivers, Mich., James Polly of Wawaka, Larry Polly of Rome City, and Dean Polly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; six sisters, Rinda Calhoun of Howe, Abbie Potee of Constantine, Mich., Dallas Skaggs of Rome City, Helen Kessler of Avon Park, Fla., Patty Schoff of Elkhart, and Betty Conley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jim Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Helen Bassen

AUBURN — Helen Rose Bassen, 86, of Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born March 26, 1918. Her parents, Fredrick and Mammie (Rice) Bassen, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be today at 2:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

John Tieman

AUBURN — John G. "Tad" Tieman, 45, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Tieman was born in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 9, 1945, to Rahe and Dorothea (Gardner) Tieman. He worked in the construction industry.

Surviving are his former wife, Dorris Reading-Tieman of Fremont; a son, Zeke Tieman of Fremont; a daughter, Allison Tieman of Fremont; a brother, David Tieman of Albion; and four sisters, Leslie Adams of Avon, Mary Johnston of Los Osos, Calif.; Christine Shank of Mead, Wash., and Jamie Vaughn of Sparks, Nev.

A celebration and remembrance of his life will be a gathering of family and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

William Crago

BUTLER — William A. "Bill" Crago, 37, of Butler died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, in Roxbury, N.J.

Mr. Crago was a truck driver for 16 years. He most recently worked for Evans Trucking in Butler. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Orland and the Butler Eagles. He was an avid Harley-Davidson motorcycle rider.

He was born Aug. 29, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Carey and Katheryn (Cook) Crago. They survive in St. Joe.

He married Sharon Williams Dec. 12, 1998, in Auburn. She also survives.

Also surviving are a grandmother, Mildred Cook of Woodburn; three daughters, Erica, Saness and Courtney; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carey and Jenny Crago of Butler and Tom and Montana Crago of Waterloo; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Deanna Martin of Wawaka, Cathie and David Heckert of Bluffton, Mari and Thomas Scott of LaOtto, and Dawn and Jeff Spencer of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3458 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

Sharon Kay Smolek

AUBURN — Sharon Kay Smolek, 57, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smolek

Mrs. Smolek was a homemaker. She was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn, where she was very active with meals and caregiving. She enjoyed crafts, antiques, gardening and cooking.

She was born Feb. 13, 1947, in Auburn to Harvey and Ethel (Brown) Drerup. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Jim Smolek on June 5, 1965, in Waterloo, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Aimee Smolek of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and John Platt of Auburn and Amy and Juan Soliz of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Dale Warstler of Auburn and Barb and Don Boyd of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Amber Smolek, Joseph Platt, Sarah Platt and Mia Soliz.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Dayspring Community Church building fund.

Naomi Ryan

FAIRBORN, Ohio — Naomi M. Ryan, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Day Springs Medical Center in Fairborn, Ohio.

Mrs. Ryan

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Auburn to Roy and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser.

She worked as a dietitian at the State Hospital of Indiana for 25 years and was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Ryan of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jim Burrow of Page, Ariz; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Katherine Souder

AUBURN — Katherine I. Souder, 87, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at 3:05 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and was a volunteer for Child Evangelism of Northeast Indiana.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Garrett to Walter and Mabel (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Stewart Souder in 1935 in DeKalb County. He died in July 1960.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Souder of St. Louis, Mo., Jack Souder of Pisgah, N.C., and Dale Souder of Auburn; a brother, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; three sisters, Evelyn Loomis, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Joe Souder, four brothers and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Jack Jakway

GARRETT — Jack Jakway, 70, of Garrett, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at 7:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Jakway was a television repairman. He then worked from 1982 to 1999 at Magnavox in Garrett and then Columbia City.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Garrett Knights of Columbus 1790 and the Auburn Jaycees.

Mr. Jakway had lived in Garrett for 33 years.

He was born May 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

He married Theresa Bopp on Jan. 27, 1962, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Jakway of Garrett and Kent and Angela Jakway of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alicia and Ken Noonan of Fort Wayne and Cheryl and Matt Romeo of Oxford, Conn.; three grandchildren, Matthew Jack Romeo and Thomas Bruno Romeo, both of Oxford, Conn., and Gwendolyn Barbara Jakway of Fort Wayne; a half-brother, Jim Felger of Avilla; and a stepsister, Joan Kneller of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby (Holsworth) and Clarence Felger, and a sister, Marianne Targgart.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A rosary service will begin Sunday at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Florence Jones

ST. JOE — Florence E. Jones, 96, died Friday evening, Aug. 27, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Jones previously lived in Kent, Ohio, for 32 years, then moved to Avon Park, Fla., in 1979 after traveling for 10 years.

She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Olive Chapter No. 53, in Kent.

She was born in St. Joe on April 6, 1908, to Clarence S. and Blanche (White) Hart.

She married Francis L. Jones on June 9, 1928, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1991.

Surviving are a niece and nephew, Jean and Arnold Oetting of Fort Wayne, and several grandnephews, grandnieces and cousins.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Carl E. Perkins, on May 4, 1989; and a sister-in-law, Edna M. Perkins, on Jan. 25, 1995.

Services will be at noon Tuesday in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Rowe officiating. Calling is one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Healthcare & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Icie Loden

KENDALLVILLE — Icie Carrie Loden, 91, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Loden was born May 25, 1913, in Grandview, Tenn., to Robert Carol Reed and Mary Ann (Sherrill) Reed.

She married Jim Loden in Happy Top, Tenn., and he preceded her in death.

She worked in meat processing, laundry services, and was a homemaker. She moved to Kendallville 3 1/2 years ago from Grandview to be closer to her daughter and granddaughters.

A devoted Christian all her life, she was a member of Happy Top Church. She loved her flowers, gardening and all of the children.

Surviving are a daughter, Estella Monroe of Avilla; five grandchildren, Danny Waldo, Marsha Harshman, Marilyn Diehm, Deborah Oliver and Linda Cornelius; 12 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one daughter, Lucille Godsey; six brothers, Jesse, Vernon, Clyde, Lester, Elmer and Clifford Reed; and two sisters, Bertha Mathis and Dovie Reed.

Services are pending at Vaughn Funeral Home in Tennessee. No local services are planned.

Burial will be in Reed Cemetery No. 3 in Tennessee.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, East Wing.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is handling local arrangements.

Rosella Hantz

FREMONT — Rosella "Rosie" Hantz, 76, of Fremont, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She was formerly a cook at the Top Hat Restaurant in Angola, and worked at Gay's Coffee Shop in Fremont. She also was employed at ILC Inc. and Salga, both in Fremont.

She was a member of the Fremont Community Church, Friendship Circle Club and the Merry Mixers Club, all in Fremont.

Mrs. Hantz was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 25, 1927, to William and Edith (Henline) Roebel.

She married W. Dean Hantz on Dec. 15, 1945, in Angola, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jim Jones of Angola and Barbara and Doug Levitz of Hamilton; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Connie Hantz and Rodney Hantz, all of Fremont; two sisters, Pauline Siddall of Hamilton and Geraldine Walker of Ossian; a brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Bonnie Roebel of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Dean Hantz; a grandson, William Dean Hantz; a brother, Paul "Bud" Roebel; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Hantz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory L. Chupp officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont Community Church of South Scott Cemetery Association.

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Harold McDonald

BUTLER — Harold L. McDonald, 73, of Butler died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

The Butler native was a machinist with ARO for 39 years, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed golf and bowling.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy, of Butler; a daughter, Denise Kendrick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Cordes of Margate, Fla.; and grandchildren Chelsey Beery and Charles Pettigrew.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Helen Fulcki.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Monday in D.O.McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about relatives.*

Naomi Ryan

FAIRBORN, Ohio — Naomi M. Ryan, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Day Springs Medical Center in Fairborn, Ohio.

She worked as a dietitian at the State Hospital of Indiana for 25 years and was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Auburn to Roy and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser.

Her husband, James R. Ryan, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Ryan of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jim Burrow of Page, Ariz, and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

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Katherine Souder

AUBURN — Katherine I. Souder, 87, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at 3:05 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and was a volunteer for Child Evangelism of Northeast Indiana.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Garrett to Walter and Mabel (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Stewart Souder in 1935 in DeKalb County. He died in July 1960.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Souder of St. Louis, Mo., Jack Souder of Andrews, N.C., and Dale Souder; two brothers, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute and Raymond "Bud" Saxer of Garrett; three sisters, Evelyn Loomis, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Joe Souder; three brothers, Lyman Saxer of Fort Wayne, Ellsworth Saxer, killed during World War II, and Arthur Saxer, who died at the age of six months; and one sister, Caroline Saxer of Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn, IN 46706.

Kristy Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Kristy Ann Campbell, 55, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, following an 18-month battle with cancer.

She was a school teacher, spending her entire 30-year career at Prairie Heights High School.

A native of Sandusky, Mich., she was active in debate, theater, Future Teachers of America and band, where she played the flute and bass drum, at Sandusky High School. She graduated 10th in her class in 1966, and enrolled at Central Michigan University where she majored in public speaking, theater and English. She was a member of the Kappa Phi Sorority and was named best pledge. She was active in theater productions and was selected to the university Gold Symphonic Band.

Mrs. Campbell

She graduated in 1970 with an A.B. degree in education. She earned her master's degree in 1979 from Saint Francis University in Fort Wayne.

At Prairie Heights, she was past secretary of the teacher's association and served on numerous P.B.A. and North Central Committees, on the principal's advisory committee and was chairman of the English department three years. Mrs. Campbell co-sponsored IFEA, Spell Bowl team and English Super Bowl team for many years. She was nominated for Teacher of the Year four times and won in 2000. She received the Dekko Foundation award for Teacher of the Year in 2003. Her proudest accomplishment was directing and expanding the school theater program.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Beacon Baptist Church and most recently attended First Church of God. She was a past president of the Kendallville Fire Department Auxiliary.

As Kristy Ann Rhead, she married Jerry Campbell in 1970. He survives with two sons and a daughter-in-law, Major Troy and Dawn Campbell of Germany, where he serves in the U.S. Air Force, and Jerry Lee Campbell II of Kendallville; two daughters, Traci Campbell and her companion Bob Hickey of Racine Wis., and Nicol and Dan Trout of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michael Sale, Meaghann Campbell, Trevor Campbell, Connor Hickey, Caitlyn Hickey, Camryn Hickey, Ian Trout and LeKeista Garrett; two brothers, Kim Rhead and Gerald Rhead, both of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Kerry Mason of Kendallville; and her mother, Myrtle M. Rhead of Sandusky.

Preceding her in death was her father, Kenneth A. Rhead.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane and the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights High School drama club.

Phyllis Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Ann Carter, 82, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at her home.

She had been a telephone correspondent for the Journal Gazette and South Bend Tribune newspapers and had worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carter was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Kendallville to Linus and Mildred (Lehner) Kimmel. She married Norman Carter in 1946. He preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1997.

A 1939 graduate of Kendallville High School, she attended Hanover College in Madison and served in the WAVES Women's Auxiliary. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and a member of the Witherspoon Circle. She was very active in the church and helped organize UNICEF fund-raisers and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and C.A.S.A.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, David and Nancy Carter of Kendallville and Colin and Dessa Carter of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; one sister, Becky Muesing Delp of Kendallville; two grandsons, Christopher Carter of Ege and Ian Carter of Glen Ellyn; and a granddaughter, Leah Carter of Glen Ellyn.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, William Kimmel, and a sister, Olive Kim Scott.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To send condolences or sign an on-line register go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Shirley Mutzfeld

HAMILTON — Shirley M. Mutzfeld, 55, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at 2:46 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mutzfeld was a homemaker.

Born May 28, 1949, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Robert C. and Alice (Isham) Roush.

On May 28, 1977, in Auburn, she married Earl L. Mutzfeld. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Lee A. Bard and Mark D. Bard, both of Garrett, Brent Mutzfeld of Angola and Scott Schwartz of Hamilton; a daughter, Christie Graham of Fruitwood, Fla.; two brothers, Ronnie Williford of Auburn and Donnie Roush of Ashley; one sister, Sue Jones of Altona; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Williford and Charles Roush.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

Cecil Scribner

CHURUBUSCO — Cecil W. Scribner, 94, of Fort Wayne died at 12:55 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness. He had been a patient there since February.

Mr. Scribner's career as an educator spanned nearly 40 years. He taught at Etna Green from 1938-1943 and at North Manchester from 1943 to 1958.

In 1958 he and his wife moved to Churubusco where he taught biology at Churubusco High School for 16 years until his retirement in 1974.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1935 and earned his master's degree of science from Indiana University in 1955.

The couple lived in Churubusco until moving to Auburn in their later years to be near their daughter.

Mr. Scribner was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and the Columbia City Moose Lodge. He had also been an active member of the Churubusco Rotary Club, and was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Whitley County Retired Teachers Association.

He was born Dec. 31, 1909, in Truman, Minn., to Jaybus B. and Anna (Winch) Scribner. At Devils Lake, N.D., he married Violet "Vi" Grande on June 5, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley F. and John Souder of Auburn; a granddaughter and her husband, Ellen and Erik Ross of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren, Logan Bier, Jordan Ross and Emily Ross.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Scribner; and three sisters, Cora Davis, Frances Sherman and Ida Scribner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Dr. C. James Cress, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Private internment will be at Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Ilene Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene M. Gordon, 86, of Churubusco died at 1:20 a.m. today, Aug. 30, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include Sandy Fay Thomas of Indianapolis, James Lee Fear of Pennsylvania, Dennis and Linda Gordon of Fort Wayne and Sharon Fear of Wolf Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

C. DuWayne Hauser

CHURUBUSCO — C. DuWayne Hauser, 81, of Churubusco died at 12:17 a.m. today, Aug. 30, 2004, at his home following an extended illness. He had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

Mr. Hauser

Mr. Hauser had been a truck driver and had worked for the J.I. Case Co. for 24 years, retiring from there in 1985. Following his retirement, he drove trucks for Cartwright Transfer for six years.

He had lived in Churubusco for 40 years, moving there from Noble County.

He was a member of Gilbert Davis Amerian Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

Mr. Hauser was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Fargo, N.D., to Charles W. and Myrtle (Wetman) Hauser.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a World War II prisoner of war. Following his discharge, he live in Chicago.

On Jan. 12, 1957, in Wolf Lake, he married Nancy Lou Harting. She died Oct. 21, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Michael Foote of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Coral and Darlene Hauser of Wolf Lake and Roger and Deann Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son-in-law, Richard J. "Rick" Millikan Jr. of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Charlene Millikan, on July 26, 2002; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Vernon Miller

MILLERSBURG — Vernon A. Miller, 66, of Millersburg died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Miller had spent his entire life in the area. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 11, 1938, in Elkhart County to Andrew E. and Susie (Hostetler) Miller.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emanuel and Esther Miller of Halfway, Mo., and Chester and Treva Miller of Goshen.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of his nephew, Galen Miller, at 11902 C.R. 38, Millersburg, with Bishop Maynard O. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Nissley Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Galen Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Millersburg, is in charge of arrangements.

Michelle Porter

STURGIS, Mich. — Michelle Marie Porter, 34, of Sturgis and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Ms. Porter

She was born Nov. 15, 1969, in Elkhart, Ind., to Robert and Peggy (Dils) Porter.

She lived in LaGrange until her graduation from Lakeland High School with the class of 1988. She then moved to the Burr Oak, Mich., area.

She was employed by Sally Beauty Supply in Sturgis and graduated from the Chic University of Cosmetology.

She was a member of the Burr Oak Mother's Club and had served as its president in 2000.

She was a devoted mother and cherished the time spent with her sons.

She is survived by two sons, Shane Porter and Sloan Cullifer, both at home; her mother and stepfather, Peggy and Kenneth Bradley of Sturgis; her father and stepmother, Robert and Carla Porter of LaGrange; a brother, Robert Porter Jr. of LaGrange; and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

The family extends an invitation to all of Michelle's many friends and family to join them at their home at 27490 Featherstone Road, Sturgis, Sunday at 2 p.m., where a celebration of Michelle Marie Porter's life will take place.

Memorials are to the family for Michelle's son's future educational needs. Envelopes are available at the Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.Legacy.com.

Janivee Sawyer

SOUTH MILFORD — Janivee Sawyer, 80, of South Milford died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was a homemaker and member of Church of the True God near South Milford.

She was born June 14, 1924, at Yellow Mountain Fork, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On May 26, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Sam Sawyer. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Surviving are her husband of South Milford; a stepson, Marvin Prince of Houston, Texas; a woman she raised as a daughter and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnie Justice of Ashland, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Kendallville and Corgie and Ursel Wallen of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Hadney and Sam Clevenger of Ligonier, Analeen and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Fritz

FORT WAYNE — H. Keith Fritz, 59, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Fritz

He was a supervisor at NIPSCO for 32 years, retiring in 2001. He loved to play golf and to be outdoors.

Born in Kendallville, he grew up in the Larwell area and graduated from Larwell High School.

On Aug. 27, 1966, he married Sue Atkins at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Roanoke. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Tad Long and Kristine and Kevin Peters, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jordan, Cassidy and Carson; his father-in-law, John Atkins; a sister-in-law, Terri Zurbrick; a brother, Dean Fritz of Tennessee; and a sister, Sue Elkins of Columbia City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his grandchildren's college fund.

George Ayers

ANGOLA — George C. Ayers, 73, of Angola died Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ayers

A career military serviceman, Mr. Ayers served four years in the U.S. Navy and 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was discharged in 1972.

He was a member of the Angola post of the American Legion, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Garrett Eagles and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 1, 1931, in Ashley, to Pierce and Martha (Miller) Ayers. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Keeling in 1957, and she died in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela and Gary Carr of Garrett, Cathy and Aaron Price of Angola, and Deb, of Tennessee; six grandchildren, Barrett and Kyle Guthrie, Matthew and Curtis Carr, Dawn McClanahan and Dana Van Auken; four great-grandchildren, Lucas and Matthew McClanahan and Josiah and Justin Van Auken.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Ayers, and a sister, Ann VanZile.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Kevin Bodey officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery with an Air Force military graveside service.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Kids League or the Orland Little League.

Ilene Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene M. Gordon, 86, of Churubusco died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness. She had been a resident there for more than four years.

Mrs. Gordon

Mrs. Gordon had been employed at Supermarket Services for 20 years, retiring from there in 1976.

She was a graduate of Churubusco High School and had lived in Akron and Avilla before moving to the Churubusco area in 1960. She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Columbia City American Legion Auxiliary, Columbia City VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the Columbia City Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Gordon was born Feb. 10, 1918, near Collins to Thomas and Maude (Bennett) Gaff. Her first husband, Claude O. Fear, died in 1946. Ten years later, she married Ray Gordon. He died in 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandy Thomas of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Lee Fear of Blairsville, Pa., and Dennis A. and Linda Gordon of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Fear of Wolf Lake; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thurlo "Frog" Gaff of LaOtto, Roger "Rod" Gaff of Nappanee, John "Kirby" and Arlene Gaff of Columbia City, Ray and Kitty Gaff of Muncie and Leonard "Jake" Gaff of Huntertown; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Gray and Shirley Stamp, both of Churubusco, and Barbara and Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Mark Stamback

AVILLA — Mark Allen Stamback, 61, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stamback

Mr. Stamback was a senior draftsman with Dana Corp. for 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and played golf at Noble Hawk and Liberty Country Club. He was a referee for girls volleyball and boys and girls basketball.

He was born Aug. 23, 1945, in Richmond, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of 29 1/2 years, Cathy of Avilla; his parents, John and Dorothy Stamback of New Paris, Ohio; his father- and mother-in-law, Marvin and Alta Lewis of Economy; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Katrina Stamback of Appledorn, The Netherlands; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth and Josh Sembach of Connersville and Jama Stamback of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Joe Hobbs of Lenox, Mich., and Jane Rantanen of New Paris; two grandchildren, Allysa Stamback and Ryan Sembach; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an aunt, Onda Faye Myers, and his grandparents, Calvin and Ruth Myers and Ora S. and Lola Rae Stamback.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Waskons Funeral Home in Cambridge City.

No funeral service will be held.

Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery at Hagerstown.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Carroll Ickes

ANGOLA — Carroll Ickes, 98, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Hickory Creek in Kendallville.

Mr. Ickes

Mr. Ickes was born March 6, 1906, in Steuben County, to Adam and Della (Thompson) Ickes. He was married to Ileth Ickes, who preceded him in death in 1983, and Pauline Ickes, who died in 1995.

He was an auto mechanic.

Surviving are a stepson, Ramon Leffel of Kendallville; four stepgrandchildren, 11 step-great-grandchildren, and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Esther Waite.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Wayne Thompson

AVILLA — Wayne E. Thompson of Avilla died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at his rural Avilla home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

THIS OBITUARY is being reprinted to include visitation hours.

Janivee Sawyer

SOUTH MILFORD — Janivee Sawyer, 80, of South Milford died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was a homemaker and member of Church of the True God near South Milford.

She was born June 14, 1924, at Yellow Mountain Fork, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On May 26, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Sam Sawyer. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Surviving are her husband of South Milford; a stepson, Marvin Prince of Houston, Texas; a woman she raised as a daughter and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnie Justice of Ashland, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Kendallville and Corgie and Ursel Wallen of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Hadney and Sam Clevenger of Ligonier, Analeen and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Roselyn Finan

FORT WAYNE — Roselyn M. Finan, 84, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Ossian, she sold Avon products for 43 years. She was a member of the Presidents Club and the Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith A. Sneary of Deerfield Beach, Fla., and Carolyn S. Doehrman of Telluride, Colo.; two sons, Thomas E. Finan Jr. of The Villages, Fla., and James M. Finan of Spencerville; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Avinell Galley of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Thomas E. Finan; and a brother, William Lipp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, with Vigil service at 4:30 p.m., in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information about services.*

Mark Stamback

AVILLA — Mark Allen Stamback, 61, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stamback

Mr. Stamback was a senior draftsman with Dana Corp. for 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and played golf at Noble Hawk and Liberty Country Club. He was a referee for girls volleyball and boys and girls basketball.

He was born Aug. 23, 1943, in Richmond, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of 29 1/2 years, Cathy of Avilla; his parents, John and Dorothy Stamback of New Paris, Ohio; his father- and mother-in-law, Marvin and Alta Lewis of Economy; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Katrina Stamback of Appledorn, The Netherlands; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth and Josh Sembach of Connersville and Jama Stamback of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Joe Hobbs of Lenox, Mich., and Jane Rantanen of New Paris; two grandchildren, Allysa Stamback and Ryan Sembach; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an aunt, Ondea Faye Myers, and his grandparents, Calvin and Ruth Myers and Ora S. and Lola Rae Stamback.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Waskons Funeral Home at Cambridge City. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery at Hagerstown.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Waskons Funeral Home.

Additional calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Wednesday , September 1, 2004

Gwendolyn Stone

FORT WAYNE — Gwendolyn Stone, 86, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Stone was a registered nurse. She had been employed at Lutheran Hospital for 30 years and retired in 1982.

Mrs. Stone loved her family, books and birds.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Frederick J. and Sue Stone of Fort Wayne and Thomas C. Stone of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Ted Kruger of Wolcottville; a brother, Joseph McCalister of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Stone, in 1996.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Pocock

FREMONT — Robert Clifton Pocock, 93, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Pocock was born June 24, 1911, in Orland, to Andrew and Fannie (Lehman) Pocock. He was married to Eleanor J. Twichell on Aug. 10, 1935, and she died on Dec. 11, 2003.

He lived in South Bend for 50 years before returning to Steuben County in 1990. He retired as chief chemical engineer at Bendix Corp. in South Bend in 1971 after working there for 30 years. He held three patents, one of which was for the ceramic brakes used on airplanes.

He graduated from Orland High School in 1929, and from Tri-State University in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He was a lifetime member of the Elks and the Bendix Salaried Retirees Club.

He was a 50-year member of the St. Joseph Lodge No. 45 F. & A.M., South Bend, and of the Murat Temple. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and was involved in the founding of the NRA Whittington Center.

Surviving are two caregivers, Cheryl Gleason of Fremont (his niece) and Laurel Pocock of Angola (his nephew); and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Harold Pocock; and three sisters, Bertha Pierce, Wava Fair and Edna McKenzie.

No services or calling are planned.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland Community Fire Department Building Fund.

Thursday, September 2, 2004

Ronald Kistler

AVILLA — Ronald P. Kistler, 77, of Avilla died at 9:46 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kistler had been a teller at Community State Bank in Avilla and retired from there in 1991 after many years of service.

A lifetime Avilla resident, he was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Mr. Kistler was a United States Marines veteran. He enjoyed woodworking, doing yard work, fishing and watching sporting events.

He was born Dec. 17, 1926, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Dale and Lottie (Fitch) Kistler. His father died in 1979 and his mother in 1971. On Feb. 12, 1956, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, he married Sabina Busch. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ronda and Andrew Glowaty of Naperville, Ill., and Denise Kistler of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Julia Kistler of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Anderson of Avilla; and three grandchildren, Lindley, Danae and Jared Kistler

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Gay.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

Wayne Thompson Sr.

AVILLA — Wayne E. Thompson Sr., 85, of Avilla died at 10:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at his Jefferson Township home. He had been in failing health for two weeks.

Mr. Thompson was a lifetime farmer. He had also worked as a fireman for the Nickel Plate Railroad and was a sales representative for Moorman Feed Co. He had owned the Dairy Queen in Waterloo for several years. He moved to Avilla from Churubusco in 1966.

Mr. Thompson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and gardening.

He was born April 18, 1919, in Roanoke to Paul J. and Minnie Ethel (Sexton) Thompson. On Nov 6, 1938, he married Ada Marie Poinesett. She died Aug. 16, 1996. He then married Cathy (Cole) Merriman on Feb. 13, 2004. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Dwayne Hass of Albion, Arlene and Dale Freeman of Huntertown and Gail and Jim Rodenbeck of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne Jr. and Becky Thompson of Albion and Chuck and Donna Thompson of Avilla; 19 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Parview Hospice.

Elaine Chapman

FORT WAYNE — Elaine G. Chapman, 82, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chapman was born in Fort Wayne. She and her husband started Chapman Landscaping, which her son, Jerry, now operates. She was a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital and Dupont Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and David Beudia of Jimmerson Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Susan Chapman of Grabill; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy, in 2000.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery. Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne IN 46866.

Charles Mance

HUNTERTOWN — Clarence T. Mance, 90, of rural Huntertown died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, at his rural Huntertown home. He had been in declining health since suffering a fall at his home in April.

Mr. Mance was the past district governor of Lions International.

Among his survivors is his wife, Naomi (Hatch) Mance.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Jessie Wolford

FREMONT — Jessie Genorah Wolford, 87, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Wolford was born to Etta and Richard Newcomb in St. Louis. She worked as a supervisor at Carter Carburetor Corp. during World War II. She represented Waddell and Reed as a financial advisor, and opened the Gold Nugget Dress Shop in Rome City after she moved to the area in 1966.

She retired from AFLAC after serving as an Indiana district manager. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, and attended Clear Lake Baptist Church after moving to Fremont. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 25 years.

She was an avid golfer with two holes-in-one separated by 30 years.

Surviving are five children, Rosemarie Meisner of Farmers Branch, Texas, Mildred Campbell of Battle Creek, Mich., Marlene Crouch of Sebring, Fla., Marilyn Cleveringer of Fremont and Victor Meisner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Hugo Meisner, Herb Williams and Robert Wolford; and a grandson, Perry L. Meyer.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorials are to Calvary Baptist Church, 7810 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne IN 46835; or Clear Lake Baptist Church, P.O. Box 278, Fremont, IN 46737.

Friday, September 3, 2004

Elizabeth Orlosky

AUSTIN, Texas — Elizabeth Alma Brown Orlosky, 84, formerly of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at her home in Austin. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Orlosky

Mrs. Orlosky was a well-known educator and popular speaker in Steuben County and the tri-state area. She resided in Angola most of her life.

Mrs. Orlosky was born April 13, 1920, on Round Lake Farm in southwestern Steuben County to Vesta Pearl (Lautzenhiser) and Harold Fenimore Brown. She married John D. Orlosky in September 1948, and they divorced in May 1979.

She was salutatorian of the Angola High School class of 1938. She graduated cum laude from DePauw University in 1942, earning her bachelor's degree in speech with a minor in English. At DePauw, Mrs. Orlosky was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority; Duzer Du, the campus dramatic fraternity; and Delta Sigma Rho, the national honorary debating society.

Mrs. Orlosky completed her master's degree in speech at Ball State University, and she pursued graduate study at Indiana University.

For six years, she taught English at Indiana high schools in Walkerton (1942-43), Fairmount (1943-44) and Rochester (1944-48). From 1948-56, Mrs. Orlosky owned and operated the Beth Orlosky Program Bureau, gaining considerable recognition as a professional lecturer and interpretive reader.

In 1956, Mrs. Orlosky joined the Tri-State University faculty, teaching English and speech. She founded and directed the Tri-State Forensic Society, whose members won 11 certificates and six trophies during their six years of intercollegiate debate and individual events competition.

She served as faculty co-advisor to the student-operated Tri-State radio station WEAX 88.3 FM since its beginning on Jan. 15, 1978, until her retirement, and she helped establish Tri-State's first women's social sorority, Omega Kappa, serving as its first advisor.

Mrs. Orlosky is the author of the Tri-State centennial history, "From Carriage to Computer: The First One Hundred Years of Tri-State University," published in 1984.

She was the first recipient of the Charles C. Barrenbrugge Annual Award for Faculty Excellence. She was chosen by her fellow faculty members for excellence in teaching and for service to the students of Tri-State University and received the award at Tri-State's centennial commencement ceremony May 19, 1984.

Upon her retirement from the university in 1986, she was granted the title professor emerita. When she moved to a new house in Angola in 1991, Tri-State purchased her property at 213 S. Kinney St., her home of 50 years. On May 3, 2002, it was dedicated as the university's Trine Guest Cottage.

Mrs. Orlosky wrote a history of the Angola United Methodist Church, of which she was a long-standing and active member. She contributed poetry to various books and publications, including the professional journal "College English" and the National Poetry Association's annual anthologies. Mrs. Orlosky edited and contributed to "Crawdad Tales from Dismal Creek," a book of poetry by Kenneth A. Wagner.

Mrs. Orlosky belonged to the Speech Communication Association; American Forensic Association; Central States and Indiana speech associations; International Platform Association; National Council of Teachers of English; American Business Writing Association; College Conference on Composition and Communication; Indiana College English Association; Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha, the national honorary forensic society; and Delta Kappa Gamma, the professional honorary sorority of women educators.

She was a founding member and first president of the Steuben County Council on Aging; a president of the Angola Business and Professional Women; member of the Board of Trustees of the Angola Carnegie Public Library, Angola Community Theater, Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Angola Book Review Club, Psi Iota Xi, Angola Women's Club and a troop leader of Angola Brownies, Girl Scouts, Blue Birds, and Camp Fire Girls.

She was listed in the 1974 edition of the "Directory of American Scholars" and the 1975-76 "Who's Who of American Women."

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary A. and Leslie MacDowall of Lafayette and Patricia A. Orlosky and P. Jerome Kilpatrick of Austin; and a stepgrandson, Mark D. Kilpatrick of Austin.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Zelda Ruth Brown Murphy Brown.

Memorial services for the immediate family were held in Austin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the E. B. Orlosky Scholarship Fund, Tri-State University, 1 University Avenue, Angola, IN 46703.

William Tennant

HUDSON — William M. "Bill" Tennant, 66, of Hudson died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at his home.

Born in Clay City, Mr. Tennant was a mechanical designer with Dana Corp. for 32 years, retiring in 1996. He was an Air National Guard veteran.

Mr. Tennant was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 499 and the National Rifle Association. He formerly lived in Auburn for 30 years and was an avid golfer and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Rita of Hudson; three daughters, Amy Moore and her husband, Keith, of Weston, Fla., Vicki G. Tennant and her partner, Kim Cramer, of Indianapolis and Lori Hilkey of Fort Wayne; two brothers, James Tennant of Fort Wayne and Robert Tennant of Columbia City; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration service will take place Monday at 2 p.m. in the Moose Lodge, 408 S. Main St., Auburn. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Hospice or the Humane Society.

Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Roy Erwin

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Roy Arthur Erwin, 82, of Buckeye, Ariz., died Aug. 20, 2004, in Phoenix.

He was born Sept. 27, 1921, in Butler to Charles and Virgie Erwin.

After serving in the Army Air Force during World War II in the Burma and South Pacific areas, he moved to Auburn.

He married Glennabelle Patee in June 1947. In 1953, they moved to Arizona, where he worked at Goodyear Aerospace Co.

In 1968, they moved to Rainbow Valley, where they owned and operated the Hobby Hacienda and Radio Shack stores in Buckeye, Ariz., until retirement.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Sandra Erwin of Buckeye, Ariz.; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Shigami Erwin of Chandler, Ariz.; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Ludden of Sun City, Ariz.; and one brother, Edward Erwin of Auburn.

Graveside services were conducted Aug. 24 at Louis B. Hazelton Cemetery of Buckeye.

David McGraw

LAOTTO — David A. McGraw, 68, of LaOtto died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at 7:50 a.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. McGraw was a deputy sheriff in Ventura County, Calif., for 7 1/2 years and had lived in LaOtto for the past 15 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Garrett post of the American Legion and Garrett Eagles.

He was born Jan. 20, 1936, in Detroit to Lowell and Anna (Hill) McGraw.

Surviving are two sons, Casey McGraw of Paso Robles, Calif., and Shannon McGraw of Atascadero, Calif.; a daughter, Shawna Donahue of Paso Robles, Calif.; his life partner, Nancy Traxler of LaOtto; a sister, Joyce Hill of Howe; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

His parents and a great-granddaughter preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Lake View Cemetery of Kendallville. Former state Sen. Richard Worman will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Sunday, September 5, 2004

April Thurston

HUDSON — April M. Thurston, 57, died Friday, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 6, 1946, in Kokomo, she was born to Herbert E. and Phyllis (Siegriest) Wendling. Her mother survives in Delphi, Ind. She married Carl Michael "Mike" Thurston in Kokomo on Nov. 9, 1968. He survives.

Mrs. Thurston

She had lived in Hudson for two years having moved from Tipton.

Mrs. Thurston was a homemaker and member of Baptist Church in Tipton.

Surviving, in addition to her mother and husband, are a daughter, Tammy Burger, Tipton; four sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Stacie Thurston, Auburn, Patrick and Angie Thurston, Kendallville, Brian J. Thurston, Muncie, and Chris Thurston, Hudson; a sister, Kathy O'Rourke, Alaska; three brothers, Michael and Tim Wendling, Walton, Ind., and Kelly Wendling, Swayzee, Ind.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant of the First Baptist Church, LaGrange, officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Robert Smith

CORUNNA — Robert "Bob" N. Smith, 81, died of cancer at his home with his family at his side on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004.

Mr. Smith

In Blackford County, on April 7, 1923, he was born to Orlando V. and Eleanor S. (Neal) Smith. His wife of 59 years, Ilene (Bercot) Smith, survives.

He was owner and operator of Bob Smith's Wrecker Service for 35 years, and then worked for CMW Transport in Kendallville for 10 years.

Mr. Smith was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany with the 99th Infantry. He was a charter member of the Indiana Towing and Wrecker Association, the Interstate Towing Association, the 99th Infantry Association and a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter in law, Jack V. and Carol Smith; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol L. and Ken Kleeberg, and Paula J. and Don Smith; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard V. and Wanda Smith; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Garrett Lloyd; five grandchildren, Kory and K.P. Kleeberg, Kendra Warstler and Kasandra and Austin Smith; and three great-granddaughters.

His parents and two sons, William R. Smith and Donald N. Smith, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Auburn Nazarene Church, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with calling from noon to time of services at the church.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Max Markle

SPENCERVILLE — Max LeRoy Markle, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born on March 10, 1922, in Spencerville, he was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Rally E. (Oberholzer) Markle. He married Dorothy Marcene Stewart on Dec. 21, 1945, in the Garrett Church of Christ. She survives.

He retired in March 1984 after 19 years as an assembler at Fruehauf.

Mr. Markle was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, American Legion Post 202 in Butler and the Spencerville Community Church. He enjoyed gardening, his dog, Buddy, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Jerry Markle of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bert Hollman of Spencerville; seven grandchildren and four of their spouses; Kimberly and Jennifer Hollman, both of Spencerville, Don Hollman, Fort Wayne, Dan and Robin Hollman, South Carolina, Andy and Monica Hollman, St. Joe, Carmen and Will Fliehman, Auburn, and Denice and John Rudolph, Boonville, Ind.; a sister, Dorothy Smith, Auburn; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour prior to services at St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe with pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Calling will also be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to: the St. Joe Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe IN 46785.

Donald Croy

ANGOLA — Donald J. Croy, 79, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his residence.

On Sept. 30, 1925, in LaOtto, he was born to Charles and Marie (Kirchner) Croy. On March 8, 1947, he married Corrine Brown. His mother and wife survive.

Mr. Croy

Mr. Croy was a well driller and animal control operator. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola and V.F.W. George Anspaugh Post in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sharon Croy, Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dona Hull, Angola, and Debra and Ed Bickel, Temple, Texas; two brothers, Irvin Croy, Avilla, and Lawrence Croy, Lake Dora, Fla.; six grandchildren, Donnie and Mandy Croy, Jeff Bickel, Angie O'Bannon, Cory Hull and Carla Stanley; and eight great-grandchildren.

His father, Charles Croy, three brothers, Glen, Otto and Bob Croy, and a sister, Lillian Surfus, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Loran Moeller

SHIPSHEWANA — Loran H. Moeller, 81, of rural Shipshewana, died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, in Life Care Center, LaGrange.

In Wheaton, Minn., on Sept. 16, 1922, he was born to Horace and Alice (Jackson) Moeller. He married Elaine A. Lunsford on Jan. 20, 1944, in Casper, Wy. She survives.

He moved to LaGrange County in 1950 and was a sales agent for Investors Diversified Services in South Bend.

Mr. Moeller was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps pilot and a member of Scott United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Dennis and Carol Weirich, Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Martin A. and Beth Moeller, Shipshewana, and Stanley and Tammy Moeller, York, Ma.; a brother, Alan E. Moeller, Piedmont, S.D.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Scott United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to time of services at the church.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Donald Croy

ANGOLA — Donald J. Croy, 79, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at his residence.

On Sept. 30, 1924, in LaOtto, he was born to Charles and Marie (Kirchner) Croy. On March 8, 1947, he married Corrine Brown. His mother and wife survive.

Mr. Croy

Mr. Croy was a well driller and animal control operator. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, and a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola and V.F.W. George Anspaugh Post in Angola.

Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sharon Croy, Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dona Hull, Angola, and Debra and Ed Bickel, Temple, Texas; two brothers, Irvin Croy, Avilla, and Lawrence Croy, Lake Dora, Fla.; six grandchildren, Donnie and Mandy Croy, Jeff Bickel, Angie O'Bannon, Cory Hull and Carla Stanley; and eight great-grandchildren.

His father, Charles Croy, three brothers, Glen, Otto and Bob Croy, and a sister, Lillian Surfus, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling was from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Marie Michael

ALBION — Marie M. Michael, 80, of Albion died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at her home in Albion.

Mrs. Michael moved to the Albion area in 1969 from Marion, Ill., and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Michael

She was a member of the Albion Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors of America.

Mrs. Michael enjoyed yard work, floral arranging and painting.

She was born Jan. 21, 1924, in Herrin, Ill., to James and Effie (Cates) South. On May 20, 1956, in Mississippi, she married Leon D. Michael. He died in February 1992.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Tammie and Duane Didion of Fort Wayne, Doris and Jim Holderfield of Marion, Ill., Carla and Giles Ley of Avilla, and Glenda Norris of Marion, Ill.; a son, Doug Moses of Aniston, Ala.; 11 grandchildren, Mary Kay Moses, Gabby Keller, Melissa Moses, Rayeanne Miner, Michael Norris, Christa Lingie, Lyndsay Didion, Courtney Didion, Kaleigh Didion, AJ Ley and Cathi Lanzante; three great-grandchildren; and extended family members, Wanda Blevins and Tina Smith, both of Avilla.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Marion, Ill.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to C.A.R.E.

Joseph Hilty

LAGRANGE — Joseph K. Hilty, 77, of LaGrange died at 2:53 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hilty was a retired farmer and carpenter. He had also owned a harness shop. He lived in LaGrange County since 1999, moving there from Adams County.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 28, 1927, in Geneva to John and Kathryn (Coblentz) Hilty. On Oct. 20, 1955, in New Haven, he married Elizabeth Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and Ervin Hilty of Monroe, Rose Marie and Amos Graber of Bryant, Ohio, Sarah Irene and Albert Coblentz of Geneva, Edna Mae and Lester Wickey of Homer, Mich., Amanda Kathryn and James Shetler of LaGrange and Sylvia Kay Hilty of LaGrange a son and daughter-in-law, James Edward and Amy Hilty of LaGrange; seven sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Menno Eicher of Centreville, Mich., Savilla and Andy Shetler, Kathryn and Ernie Schwartz and Maggie and Raymond Schwartz, all of Monroe, Sylvia and Felty Shetler of Berne, Mary and Sam Schwartz of Seymour, and Susie and Willie Schwartz of Quaker City, Ohio; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Saloma Hilty, Henry and Katie Edna Hilty and John and Sarah Hilty, all of Geneva, and Jake and Lydian Hilty of Berne; 56 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother; two sisters; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the James Hilty residence at 160 S. C.R. 4225E, LaGrange with Bishop Danny Otto and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be today at the family home at 1425 S. C.R. 400E, LaGrange.

Chaney Fourman

LIGONIER — Chaney Scott "Chip" Fourman, 45, of Ligonier died at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at his residence, Shadow Hill Farm in rural Ligonier.

Mr. Fourman had moved to his farm in 1982 from Kimmell.

He was a truck driver for several years for Brothers Express based in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fourman was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, an animal lover, and enjoyed NASCAR and other motor sports.

He was born June 16, 1959, in Troy, Ohio.

Surviving are his mother, Betty "Minnich" Parker of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Steven Kaufman of Fort Wayne and Deb and Mark Burkhardt of Bronson, Mich; four nieces, Shannon Kaufman, Michelle Burkhardt, Stephanie Melvin and Jennifer Boesch; and four nephews, Steven Kaufman II, Kip Burkhardt, Loran Melvin and Matt Boesch.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Donavon Coley officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, Open Arms Ministry or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Alice Kline

WATERLOO — Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc. for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn, James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service will be Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. Burial will be in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be today from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, where an evening rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.racefansforacure.com).

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information about relatives.*

Max Markle

SPENCERVILLE — Max LeRoy Markle, 82, of Spencerville died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Markle retired in March 1984 after 19 years as an assembler at Fruehauf.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ, American Legion Post 202 in Butler and the Spencerville Community Club. He enjoyed gardening, his dog, Buddy, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren.

Born March 10, 1922, in Spencerville, he was the son of the late Benjamin Franklin Markle and Rally E. (Obertholzer) Markle.

He married Dorothy Marcene Stewart on Dec. 21, 1945, in the Garrett Church of Christ. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Markle of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bert Hollman of Spencerville; seven grandchildren and their spouses; Kimberly and Jennifer Hollman, both of Spencerville, Don Hollman of Fort Wayne, Dax and Robin Hollman of South Carolina, Andy and Monica Hollman of St. Joe, Carmen and Will Fliehman of Auburn and Denice and John Rudolph of Boonville; a sister, Dorothy Smith of Auburn; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Max Markle Jr., on Jan. 4, 1967; a sister, Gaylon Markle, and a brother, Henry Markle.

Services were at 11 a.m. today in the St. Joe Church of Christ with Pastor Larry Watson officiating. Burial was in White City Cemetery at Spencerville. American Legion Post 202 of Butler conducted military graveside services

Calling was Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville.

Memorials are to the St. Joe Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 285, St. Joe IN 46785.

Evelyn Ehinger

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn C. Ehinger, 94, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at her home.

She was a retired sales clerk for Sears and a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. She was a native of Domestic.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael J. and Becky Ehinger of Stedman, N.C., and Carl R. and Carol Ehinger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Ned Lee of Fort Wayne and Judy and Jack Diagostino of Fort Wayne; a brother, Glenn Neukom of Garrett; 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jerome J., in 1996; two brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. with calling one hour before at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 S. Calhoun St. A rosary service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Masses, the St. Peter's Building Fund and Parkview Hospice.

Alice Grim

WARREN — Alice L. Grim, 75, of Warren died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Grim worked in the kitchen at the United Methodist Home for 25 years.

She lived in Huntington until 1999 when she moved to the Cromwell area.

Mrs. Grim enjoyed spending time with her family and her pets.

She was born April 15, 1929, in Columbia City to Ray and Ruth (Underwood) Shelmadine.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Marty Grim of Cromwell; five brothers, Max, Ray, Ronnie, Dick and Jimmy Shelmadine; two sisters, Willie Saner and Connie Miller; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Faye Saner, Fern Keiser and Joann Gibson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the West Noble Day Care.

Anita Hochstetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Anita Marie Hochstetler, 3, of Shipshewana died at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient a week and a half. Her death was due to complications from a seizure.

She was born March 3, 2001, at the New Eden Care Center in Topeka to Jerry A. and Eva (Miller) Hochstetler of Shipshewana. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Diane Hochstetler at home; her grandparents, Albert J. and Lydia Ann Hochstetler of Sugar Creek, Ohio, and Freeman O. and Linda Sue Miller of Shipshewana; and her great-grandmothers, Wilma Wingard of Shipshewana and Elma Miller of Topeka.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Freeman O. Miller residence, 3745 N. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Freeman Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Leota Slone

AUBURN — Leota A. Slone, 62, of Auburn died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Slone

Born in Battle Creek, Mich., she was a cheese cutter with County Line Cheese for nine years and a cancer survivor for 20 years. She was a loving mother and grandmother and a good Christian woman.

Surviving are her husband, Miles, of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda (Roberts) and Robert Nolan of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Adam Walberry, Nicholas Walberry, Brian Walberry and Kevin Nolan, all of Fort Wayne; an uncle, Arnold Lower of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren, Allison Walberry, Melody Jackson and Briana Walberry.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the family.

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Alice Kline

WATERLOO — Alice R. (Stewart) Kline, 57, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004, at the home of her son in Waterloo.

Ms. Kline

A native of Fort Wayne, she had been operations clerk at Brothers Express Inc. for 10 years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Waterloo.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael J. Tilbury of Auburn, James W. and Nicola Tilbury of Waterloo and Craig E. and Jenny Tilbury of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline S. and Bunk Ladig of Wolf Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judith and Dave Vaughn of Gaines, Mich., Eva Suelzer of Fort Wayne and Norma and George Robb of Fort Wayne; a brother, William "Bill" Kline of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Jacqueline Kline; a niece, Lucy Vaughn, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Suelzer.

A prayer service took place this morning at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church-Besanson in New Haven. Burial was in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.racefanforacure.com).

Velma Brouwer

AUBURN — Velma Catherine Brouwer, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was the widow of Joseph Charles Brouwer. She also was preceded in death by her only child, Roseline Jane Brouwer Clifford; a brother, Herbert Rolf; and a sister, Ruth Rolf.

She was born in Detroit on Jan. 3, 1908, to Pauline Griner Rolf and Frederick Rolf and was raised in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two brothers, Wayne Rolf of Fort Wayne and Ramon Rolf of Midland, Mich.; five grandchildren, Catherine Clifford Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., Charles Joseph Clifford of Los Angeles, W. Gene Clifford of Auburn, Bradley Allen Clifford of Waterloo and Brian Scott Clifford of Auburn, and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery at New Haven.

Calling will be tonight from 5 to 7 at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Church of Auburn or the American Cancer Society.

Josephine Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Josephine J. Smith, 79, of Morristown and formerly of Columbia City died at 7:58 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004.

Mrs. Smith

She had lived in the Columbia City and Big Lake areas until moving to the Indianapolis area in 1996 to be near her children.

She had been employed at Fisher Brothers Oil, W.T. Grant and Scott's Foods.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Wolf Lake Baptist Church and a 1942 graduate of Columbia City High School. She enjoyed sports and her grandchildren's activities.

She was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Columbia City to James W. and Esther M. (Weick) Wallace. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Lebanon, Ind., she married Roland Merritt Smith. He died Nov. 3, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan M. and Sherry Smith of Larwill; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linnette "Linn" and Chuck Golden of Greenfield, Leeandra and Dennis Sewell of Topeka and Lorriann and Brad Benson of Fishers; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Dorothy Weick and Irlene Baker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Dan Carlson of Wolf Lake Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Park (Annex) Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

David Davis

FREMONT — David W. Davis, 54, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, in Fremont.

Mr. Davis was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Nov. 28, 1949, to Wayne and Beverly (Bruner) Davis. He was married to Vera Louise (Hathaway) Davis, who survives.

He was employed by Hendrickson International in Kendallville.

Also surviving are his father, Wayne Bruner of Rupert, Idaho; three daughters, Holly and Katie Davis, both of Fremont, and Sarah Davis of Niles, Mich.; and a sister, Penny Thomas of Rupert.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

William Fry

FORT WAYNE — William R. "Big Bill" Fry, 58, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Fry was born in Fort Wayne and was a lifetime resident. He was a cook, and Air Force veteran and a member of the Fort Wayne Community Fishing Club.

Surviving is a brother, Richard Fry of Fremont.

Arrangements were by Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Patrick Crooks

CHURUBUSCO — Patrick Herbert Crooks, 92, of Churubusco died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Crooks

He had worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier and had owned "Pat's Cafe."

Mr. Crooks was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, the Elks Lodge, and the Eagles Lodge in Columbia City. He enjoyed fishing, gambling, coin collecting and cooking.

He was born Jan. 9, 1912, in DeKalb County to Ora and Dora (Leahy) Crooks. He married Verna Irene Hodges on June 6, 1935. She preceded him in death in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and George Kirkpatrick of Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Cynthia Crooks of Churubusco and Roger and Rhonda Crooks of Churubusco; two sisters, Margaret Sockrider of Avilla and Leona Davidson of Auburn; 18 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Barbara Ann Crooks; a son, Patrick Lynn Crooks; and a sister, Dorothy Till.

Services will be at 10 a.m Friday at St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco with Father Danny Pinto serving as celebrant. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco, with an Elks memorial service at 7 p.m. and a rosary at 7:15 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla or CASA of Noble County.

David Davis

FREMONT - David W. Davis, 54, of Fremont died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, in Fremont.

Mr. Davis was born in Wendell, Idaho, on Nov. 28, 1949, to Wayne and Beverly (Bruner) Davis. He was married to Vera Louise (Hathaway) Davis on Jan. 21, 1983, in Coldwater, Mich. She survives.

He was employed by Hendrickson International in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and served in the Vietnam War.

Also surviving are his father, Wayne Bruner of Rupert, Idaho; three daughters, Holly and Katie Davis, both of Fremont, and Sarah Davis of Niles, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Steve Thomas of Rupert; and two nephews, Shon and Trenton Thomas of Rupert.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be 10 a.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Kenneth Binkley officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257.

Memorials are to Mr. Davis' daughters.

Glenn Mantle

CORUNNA — Glenn E. Mantle, 71, of rural Corunna died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 9:15 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Mantle was a resident of the Corunna area for 46 years. He worked as a milk hauler for Wayne Co-Op in Fort Wayne for 18 years. He retired in 1973 and returned to farming. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 3, 1932, in Whitley County to Solomon and Blanche D. (Worwick) Mantle.

He married Emma Lou Vance on Nov. 3, 1956, in Payne, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and David Treesh of Corunna; a grandson, Daryl Treesh; two brothers, Harley Mantle of Albion and Roger Mantle of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Wilda Ernst.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Mantle; and two sisters, Evelyn Bernardin and Lola Briggs.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Chaplain Paul Marki will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or lupus charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Henry Huesman Jr.

SPENCERVILLE — Henry A. Huesman Jr., 56, of Spencerville died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at his home.

A native of Spencerville, he was a diesel mechanic with Cummins Mid States Power and a U.S. Marines veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Praise Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of Spencerville; a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley and Angela Huesman of Holland, Mich.; a sister, Mary Anne Huesman of Shelbyville; and seven brothers, Raymond of Vermont, Thomas, Joseph, Peter, Michael and Richard, all of Shelbyville, and Victor of Murfeesboro, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry A., Huesman Sr.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Praise Lutheran Church, 1115 W. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Friday, September 10, 2004

William Sherwood

INDIANAPOLIS

William H. Sherwood, 80, of Indianapolis died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 9:50 a.m. in Community Hospital South in Greenwood.

Mr. Sherwood had lived in Indianapolis for three years. He worked as a die setter at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning three Bronze Service Stars. He was a member of the Garrett post of the American Legion and a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn before moving to Indianapolis. He recently had been a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 6, 1923, in Vincennes to William P. and Philomena (Brazzler) Sherwood.

He married Ruby M. Berry on April 17, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a daughter, Nyla Kelley of Indianapolis; a son, William L. Sherwood of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; and a half brother, Franklin Connor of Bloomingdale, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a half brother, Oliver E. Connor.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett with graveside military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Randall Williams

COLUMBIA CITY — Randall J. "Randy" Williams, 58, of Columbia City died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams was the owner and president of Economy Machine Products Inc. in Roanoke. He had worked in the family business for 50 years and became owner in 1981.

Mr. Williams was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntington. He was a 1964 graduate of Columbia City High School, where he was valedictorian of his class. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana Institute of Technology in 1968. He was a member of the American Legion Post 160 of Roanoke and was a senior member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was a member of the Pontiac Oakland Club International and served in the Indiana National Guard from 1968 to 1974.

Mr. Williams was an avid collector and restorer as well as a respected authority on the early 1960s Super Duty Pontiacs.

Mr. Williams and his wife, Jean, were Roanoke Citizens of the Year in 2000.

He was born Aug. 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne to James J. and Betty Z. (Hollenbaugh) Williams. They survive in Roanoke.

He married Carol Jean Smart on Sept. 26, 1970, in Huntington, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerod and Karen Williams of Huntington; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie A. and Kenneth Hartmus of Roanoke; a sister, Tamara Williams of Garrett; three granddaughters, Jessica Hartmus, Darcy Williams and Sloane Williams; a nephew, Brett Williams of Hudson; and a niece, Stephanie Williams of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson, Huntington, with the Rev. Gary Sigler officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery of Huntington.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. A rosary service will take place Sunday at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the National Brain Tumor Foundation, in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

To sign Mr. Williams' on-line guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

Doyle Shoup

ANGOLA — Doyle E. Shoup, 84, of Angola died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Northern Lakes Healthcare & Rehabiliation in Angola.

He was retired from Dana Corp., where he had worked 18 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and past post commander of Angola VFW post 7205 and a member of the American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

A native of Hillsdale, Mich., he is survived by a nephew, Blaine Shoup of Angola; two daughters, Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Susan Baumgartner of Angola; a stepson, Daniel Giles of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday with calling two hours prior to the service at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the League for the Blind & Disabled.

Fanny Swartz

MIDDLEBURY — Fanny Swartz, 81, of Middlebury died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at her home. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Swartz was born July 16, 1923, in Au Gres, Mich., to John and Fanny (Troyer) Jantzi.

On Sept. 1, 1946, she married Arthur Litwiller. He died May 1, 1958. She then married John Swartz Aug. 28, 1965. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1992.

She had moved to Middlebury 5 1/2 years ago. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury where she was a strong encourager and supporter and an avid quilter.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty Beiler of Sarasota, Fla., Nancy and Dean Kauffman of Middlebury, and Twila and Paul Seland of Harrisonburg, Va.; six sons and their wives, Lavern and Marcella Swartz of Lake Oddessa, Mich., Carl and Nancy Litwiller of Lancaster, Pa., Glen and Naomi Litwiller of Grants Pass, Ore., Arnold and DeAnna Swartz of Pinconning, Mich., Clifford and Carol Litwiller of Scottville, Mich., and Larry and Nelda Litwiller of Hesston, Kan.; a daughter-in-law, Sherrill Swartz of Fairview, Mich.; a sister and her husband, Matilda and Wallace Kipfer of Corinth, N.Y.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Elmer Jantzi of Irwin, Ohio, John and Naomi Jantzi of Pigeon, Mich., and Jerry Jantzi of Phoenix, Ariz.; 31 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Marlin Swartz; six brothers; and three sisters.

Services are pending the notification of a grandson in Bosnia, with calling at the First Mennonite Church in Middlebury and services in Michigan. Burial will be at Sims Cemetery in Au Gres.

Memorials are to the Mennonite Central Committee-Bosnia Project.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Alta Crager

HINDMAN, Ky. — Alta Mae Crager, 78, of Hindman died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at Kindred Hospital in Louisville.

She was born in Knott County, Ky., on July 29, 1926, to Alton and Nancy "Sis" (Cornett) Everage.

Surviving are one son, Danny Messer of Hindman; two daughters, Patricia Ann Zaganas of Mousie, Ky., and Donna Sue Messer of Hindman; three sisters, Ann Ragland of Tennessee, Elizabeth Knox of Indiana and Louise Downing of North Carolina; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jim Crager; and a son, Charles Michael Crager.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Clay Hanes and others officiating. Burial will be at the Nickles Cemetery at Hindman.

Hindman Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Essig

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Dale W. Essig, 53, of Allentown died at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, as the result of a traffic accident north of Middlebury, Ind.

He had worked the past six years at Compucom in Allentown as an asset manager.

He had lived his entire life in the Allentown area. He was an Army veteran serving in Vietnam from 1971-72.

On Sept. 3, 1994, in Middlebury, he married Fawn M. Zickafoose. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Brian Essig of Catasqua, Pa.; his mother, Lucille Kleppinger Essig of Allentown; and two sisters, Karen Stanko of Womelsdorf, Pa., and Dawn Miller of Albrightsville, Pa.

Preceding him in death was his father, William J. Essig.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at the River of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury, and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bachman-Kulick & Reinsmith Funeral Home in Allentown. Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery in Allentown.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the River of Life Fellowship Church in Middlebury and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Allentown funeral home.

Memorials are to the Deer Lake H.O.G. for the MDA.

Margaret Taylor

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Taylor, 61, of Angola, died at 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Taylor was born on June 30, 1943, in Auburn, to Richard and Anna (Morr) Holsinger. She married Patrick V. Taylor on Sept. 12, 1965. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Ramona Taylor of Angola; two sons, Dennis Taylor and Mike Taylor, both of Angola; two sisters, Connie Fisher of Angola and Charleen Smeltzer of LaGrange; a brother, Sam Holsinger of Mackinaw City, Mich.; and a grandson, Morgan Taylor of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Holsinger Jr. and Dean Holsinger.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Phil Thompson will officiate.

Calling will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Fanny Swartz

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Mrs. Swartz

She was born July 16, 1923, in Au Gres, Mich., the daughter of John and Fanny (Troyer) Jantzi. She married Arthur Litwiller on Sept. 1, 1946, in Au Gres. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1958. She then married John Swartz on Aug. 28, 1965, in Au Gres. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1992.

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She was also preceded in death by a son, Marlin Swartz, six brothers and three sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Riverside Mennonite Church in Au Gres. The Rev. Lyle Swartz will officiate. Burial will be in Sims Cemetery in Au Gres.

Calling will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, followed by a brief memorial celebration at 8 p.m. The Rev. Linford Martin will officiate. Additional calling will be 6 to 9 p.m. Michigan time on Friday at CL Forshee & Sons Funeral Home in Au Gres and one hour prior to services at the church in Au Gres.

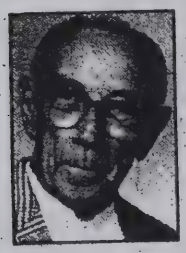
Memorials are to Mennonite Central Committee — Bosnia Project, 21 S. 12th St., P.O. Box 500, Akron PA 17501-9989.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Elmer Wooldridge

CHURUBUSCO — Elmer D. Wooldridge, 84, of rural Churubusco, died at 10:26 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at home. Although he had been in declining health for the past two years, his death was unexpected.

For the past several years, Mr. Wooldridge had worked for the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne. He spent much of his adult life in Indianapolis and was previously employed as a safety engineer for the Continental Insurance Companies in Indianapolis for over 20 years, retiring in 1976 and moving to Churubusco.



Mr. Wooldridge

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 13, 1919, to Harley and Edith (Woods) Wooldridge in Elizabethtown, Ky. He moved to Indiana as a child with his parents and served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Wooldridge; three sons and daughters-in-law, Philip and Angie Carroll of Churubusco, David and Myra Huff of Squires, Mo., and James and Margo Wooldridge of Indianapolis; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James and Ercil Wooldridge of Bethel, Ohio, and Paul Wooldridge of Fairfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Huff.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, will officiate. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne, with American Legion Post 499 in charge of military graveside rites.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Paula German

ANGOLA — Lifetime Angola resident Paula German, 73, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. German was born in Angola on May 29, 1931, to Paul Herman and Cornelia (Masten) Albright. She was married to Lloyd E. German on Aug. 7, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2003.

She was a teacher's aide at Prairie Heights Community Schools, and was a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Cynthia German and Jeffery and Pamela German, all of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Carolyn Albright of Angola; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Steven Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Flint United Methodist Church or Flint Cemetery.

Harriet Casler

GARRETT — Harriet L. Casler, 85, of Garrett died at noon Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Michael Ross

FORT WAYNE — Michael Todd Ross, 40, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Ross was born on Oct. 30, 1963, in Decatur, Karen (Cauble) and Lanny Ross. He was a self-employed auto and truck mechanic, welder and fabricator.

He owned and drive mini-stock car No. 41 at Angola, Fort Wayne, Kalamazoo, Mich. and other Midwest race tracks, and won many races. He received his auctioneer's license at age 17 from the Reppert Auctioneering School, and was a graduate of Wayne High School.

Surviving are his mother, Karen Cauble Ross Baszczak of Fort Wayne; his father, Lanny W. Ross of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sherri Ross of Markle; a brother, Dean Ross of Canton, Ohio; a nephew, Joseph Ross of Fort Wayne; stepmother, Rebecca Ross of Fort Wayne; stepsiblings, Shane and Gage Benson of Fort Wayne and Meredith Benson of Arlington, Va.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Decatur Cemetery, Decatur. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Monday, September 13, 2004

Margaret Young

LOGANSPORT — Margaret Jane Young, 88, of Logansport died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport.

Mrs. Young was born June 2, 1916, in Logansport, to Charles Emery and Lillie Anna (Herrick) Ferguson. She was married to Lawrence B. "Buck" Young in Logansport on Feb. 1, 1941. He died on May 22, 1990.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Pisgah Christian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Jefferson Home Economics Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mara J. and Dennis Ashcraft of Logansport; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles L. and Susan Young of Angola; grandchildren and spouses, Melinda Jean Young and Clark L. Trowbridge of Ohio, Michael Charles and Stephanie Lynn Young of Angola, Matthew Scott and Stephanie Ann Young of Pleasant Lake and Jeremy Wayne Ashcraft and Justin Travis Ashcraft, both of Logansport; and great-grandchildren, Tyler Michael Young, MacKenzie Young, D.J. Trowbridge, Amber Trowbridge and Jared Trowbridge.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Robert Caudle officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery, Logansport.

Memorials are to the Gideon Living Memorial Bible Program or the Georgetown Fire Department.

Richard Jackson

LAOTTO — Richard L. Jackson, 75, of LaOtto died at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2001, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler. He had suffered a stroke in December and had been a patient at the nursing home since January.

Mr. Jackson had farmed in Swan Township and had also been employed at the former J.I. Case Co. in Churubusco and at Deister Machine Co. in Fort Wayne for 33 years. He retired from there Jan. 15, 2001.

He was a member of Agape Church of the Brethren near Fort Wayne where he had served on the church board.

Mr. Jackson was a 1947 graduate of Avilla High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Aug. 31, 1929, to Russell Monroe and Laura L. (Cuney) Jackson. On Jan. 25, 1965, in Albion he married Alice L. (Flowers) Inlow Pepple. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jane A. Pepple of Auburn; a son, Michael Inlow of Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Patricia Pitzer; a niece, Laura Moses; a nephew, Dennis Hanley; three grandchildren; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, DeWayne H. Inlow, on Aug. 1, 1998.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, with the Rev. Keith Simmons officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

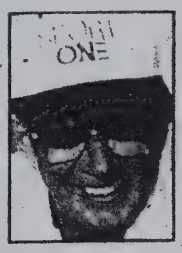
Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren.

Monday, September 13, 2004

Blue Moon founder, educator Yarde dies at 81

GARRETT — A prominent Garrett educator and business owner, Eugene D. "Jasper" Yarde, 81, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.



Mr. Yarde

Mr. Yarde was a school administrator, serving as principal for J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett. He retired in May 1986 with 15 years of service.

He founded, owned and operated the Blue Moon Drive-In in Garrett for 25 years.

Mr. Yarde was a member of Community Church in Corunna, Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, York Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Auburn Moose Lodge, Garrett Lions Club, Garrett American Legion Post 178, and Phi Epsilon Kappa. He also served as Keyser Township trustee.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, where he was wounded in North Africa and Anzio.

He received the Bronze Star.

A 1941 graduate of Garrett High School, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. He was a member of the Garrett school board from 1958-1961.

Born June 23, 1923, in Garrett, he was the son of Claude and Mable (Grogg) Yarde.

On June 29, 1947, he married M. Jane Bradin. She preceded him in death Jan. 16, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dave and Julie Yarde, and Dan and Jordan Yarde, all of Garrett; and two grandsons, Justin and Dakota Yarde.

His sister, Mary Jane Winebrenner, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services by the Garrett Masonic Lodge will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Corunna Community Church or Mizpah Shrine Transportation Fund.

Alexis Krotzer

KENDALLVILLE — Alexis Renee Krotzer died shortly after birth Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born to Nick J. Krotzer and Amanda Parker Bryant of Kendallville.

Also surviving are a sister, Makayla Bryant of Kendallville; her maternal grandmother, Patricia Parker of Kendallville; her paternal grandmother, Polly Krotzer of Kendallville; her maternal great-grandmother, June Stout of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Jim and Mary Lou Botteron; maternal great-grandparents, Bob and Wanda Parker of Piggott, Ark.; and paternal great-grandmother, Linda Freeman of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Grace Christian Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mona Bowman

LAGRANGE — Mona J. Bowman, 71, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Bowman was born in Poneto on Dec. 25, 1932. She was married to Jerry Bowman on March 24, 1951, and he survives.

She owned the Turkey Lake Sandwich Shop for many years.

Also surviving are four sons, Rick Bowman of Bluffton, Gregory Bowman of Mount Pass, Calif., and Jeffery and Tracy Bowman, both at home; four sisters, Eileen Hatch, Irene Kirkwood and Diana Kummer, all of Bluffton, and Kay Foreman of Liberty Center; a brother, Terry Qnweller of Bluffton; and five grandchildren, Lisa, Gina, Mark, Gregory and Toughy Bowman.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1607 E. Dowling St., Kendallville IN 46755.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Wilma Frazier

ANGOLA — Wilma May Frazier, 88, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Frazier was born July 30, 1916, in Steuben County, to Clyde E. and Jesse (DeLong) Myers. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

Surviving are three sons, William, Bruce and Barney Bryan, all of Angola; four daughters, Donna Rose of Bluffton, N.C., Jackie Weber of Angola, Jody Hill of Hamilton and JoAnn Beecher of Fremont; 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Crone; her second husband, Jack O. Bryan; her third husband, Thurman Frazier; a brother, Clyde Meyers; and a sister, Wanda Wymond.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Roger Cornelius officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Also surviving are a daughter, Ramona Taylor of Angola; two sons, Dennis Taylor and Mike Taylor, both of Angola; two sisters, Connie Fisher of Angola and Charleen Smeltzer of LaGrange; a brother, Sam Holsinger of Mackinaw City, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Morgan Taylor of Rochester, Minn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Holsinger Jr. and Dean Holsinger.

Services were 11 a.m. today at Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pastor Phil Thompson officiated.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is handling arrangements.

Ruth Sipich

PORTAGE — Ruth Eleanor Sipich, 76, of Portage and Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004.

Mrs. Sipich was an active member of the Portage community where she served as deputy clerk treasurer for four years, park board secretary for four years and as director of the Bonner Senior Center.

She loved spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, in Jackson, Mich., to William and Agnes (Meadows) Switzer. On June 1, 1946, in Portage, she married Don Sipich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Pam Sipich of Porter; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy Jo and David Farr of Kokomo and Linda and Dom DiCesare of Portage; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Peggy Thorn and Rose Hansen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Engel Funeral Home in Portage with Pastor Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

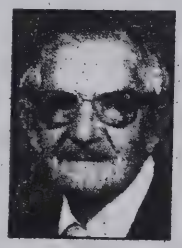
Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 74, of Kendallville died today, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Herald Shoup

GOSHEN — Herald H. "Toby" Shoup, 90, of Goshen died at 9:56 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen where he had lived since Jan. 14, 1998.


Mr. H. Shoup

A lifetime Elkhart County resident, he had worked several years as a service station attendant at the Conoco Service Station in Middlebury.

He was a life member of First United Methodist Church where he was active in DAYA Sunday school class and rang the church bell. He was an avid sports fan and followed Northridge High School athletic events.

He was born Oct. 15, 1913, in Elkhart to Merle H. and Mary (Hassen) Shoup.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Kinkaid; and two brothers, Everett and Wilson Shoup.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church at Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Northridge High School Athletic Department.

Lorraine Weber

KENDALLVILLE — Lorraine Ann Weber, 62, of Kendallville died at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at her home following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Weber

Mrs. Weber had spent most of her life in Noble County and had been the secretary to the plant manager at Kraft Foods in Kendallville. She had also worked in the cafeteria with the East Noble School Corp. at one time.

She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

She was born Nov. 30, 1941, in Fort Wayne to James Otto and Velva Viola (Franklin) Post. On June 9, 1963, she married David William Weber. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Valaine Ann and Jaime Vasquez of Avilla; three sons, Christopher C. and Suzanne Weber of Kendallville, Gregory P. and Donna E. Weber of Wolcottville and Grant Neary and Christina R. Weber of Auburn; a sister, Valeria Gordon of Green Valley, Ariz.; two brothers, James Delano Post and Haven Elwood Post; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz and the Rev. Kevin Weber officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Harriet Casler

FORT WAYNE — Harriet "Pendy Lou" Casler, 85, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett where she had resided since 1998.

Mrs. Casler had moved to the Fort Wayne area in 1934.

She was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Erie, Pa., to Harry and Marie (Burns) Snyder.

She is survived by the staff and residents at Miller's Merry Manor; a daughter, Cindy, of Cedar Mountain, N.C.; a son, Kim, of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Joshua and Mariah Shomo; a great-grandchild, Kiefer; and a niece, Dianne Wichern of Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Doyal and Marjorie Brandt.

Services will be private.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Bonar

LAOTTO — Ruby M. Bonar, 73, of LaOtto died at 5:20 a.m. today, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Paul F. Bonar.

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A native of Hillsdale, Mich., he is survived by a nephew, Blaine Shoup of Angola; two daughters, Marsha Lower of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Susan Baumgartner of Angola; a stepson, Daniel Giles of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Shoup; and three sisters, Vera Jackson, Dorothy Baer and Grace Hall.

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Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Mildred Myers

LAGRANGE — Mildred C. Myers, 87, of LaGrange died at 8:22 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Myers was a homemaker. She was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church, Lake Bethel Friendship Circle Sewing Club and the Plato Home Economics Club.

She was born Oct. 5, 1916, in LaGrange to Clyde and Bernice (Randol) Northup. On May 12, 1935, she married Alvin Gerald Myers. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are five sons and a daughter-in-law, Gerald Myers of Pasadena, Texas, George Myers Sr. of Auburn, James and Donna Myers of Orland, Harold Myers of LaGrange, and Richard and Joyce Myers of Homosassa Springs, Fla.; a daughter, Shirley Jones of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three brothers, Harold Northup of Fort Wayne, and Roger and Kenneth Northup of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Wilma Stores and Kathryn and Sam Wilder; a half brother, Floyd Northup of Pleasant Lake; a half sister, Linda Howdyshell; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Harry Myers; a brother, Garold Northup; and her stepmother, Juanita Northup.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to Cameron Hospice or LaGrange Cancer Society.

Gary Huyette

GROVE CITY, Ohio — Gary Lynn Huyette, 45, of Grove City died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, after a two-year battle with Melanoma skin cancer.

In the last months of his life, Mr. Huyette was surrounded by his family and friends.

He was a 1977 graduate of Grove City High School. He had been employed with Columbus (Buckeye) Steel Castings Co. since 1995 as a maintenance electrician. He was an active member of the C.O.R.D.S. cancer support group at the Grove City Church of the Nazarene, and enjoyed helping others, cooking for his co-workers and being around friends and family. He loved tigers. Mr. Huyette had an unconditional love and was always giving of his time and talents.

He was born on July 15, 1959, in Fort Wayne to Theodore Sr. and Barbara (Shirk) Huyette. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife Angela; two children Rebecca and Christopher Huyette and their mother, Susan McElhoes; three stepchildren Doug, Steph and Michael; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ted Jr. and Wally and Micki Huyette; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Tammy and Les Goodman, Jamie and George Hill, Cricket and Mark Dolezal, Cindy and Don Kingery and Kathleen and Jason Raleigh; 20 nieces and nephews; three greatnieces and greatnephews; a special friend, Karla Vekas; and two stepmothers, Faye Laudenschlager and Heather Lovett-Fraisher.

Also preceding him in death were his grandparents Glen and Ethel (Starner) Shirk and Walther and Hazel (May) Huyette; uncles Steven Shirk and Glen Camp; aunt Patricia Shirk and greatnephew Thane Kendall-Kelso.

Services will be Friday at noon Indiana time at Miller Funeral Home, 2697 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio. Pastor Steve Combs will officiate. Burial will be in Grove City Cemetery. Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home. Memorials are to Grove City Church of the Nazarene (GCCN) C.O.R.D.S. ministry 4770 Hoover Rd. Grove City, OH 43123 or the American Cancer Society.

Meddie Etinger

ANGOLA — Meddie Etinger, 86, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Etinger was born in Mogoffin County, Ky., on Oct. 2, 1917, to Adam and Elizabeth (Bailey) Conley. She was married to Albert Etinger on Oct. 22, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on June 21, 2000.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and making rugs.

Surviving are a niece, Rose Winebrenner of Edon, Ohio; two sisters, Poppy Lee Crawford of Lima, Ohio, and Olie Rither of Hawphorne, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Ken Butz officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's omission.*

Wilma Frazier

ANGOLA — Wilma May Frazier, 88, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Frazier was born July 30, 1916, in Steuben County, to Clyde E. and Jesse (DeLong) Myers. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

Surviving are three sons, William, Bruce and Barney Bryan, all of Angola; four daughters, Donna Rose of Bluffton, N.C., Jackie Weber of Angola, Jody Hill of Hamilton and JoAnn Beecher of Fremont; two brothers, Raymond Myers and Lowellon Myers, both of Angola; 28 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Crone; her second husband, Jack O. Bryan; her third husband, Thurman Frazier; a brother, Clyde Meyers; and a sister, Wanda Wymond.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Roger Cornelius officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and loved to garden and tend to her flowers.

Mrs. Hicks

She was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Stidham. On Jan. 4, 1947, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Curtis Hicks. He died April 10, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Vickie Black of Kendallville, Cathy Johnson of Kendallville and Diane Morningstar of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernst and Mary Knox, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Arnold and Betty Knox, all of Kendallville; and 11 grandchildren, Crystal Johnson, Kevin Hodge, Klent Hodge, Nicole Gisel, Amanda Hodge, Brock Hodge, Sherry Conley, Melissa Conley, Brian Conley, Matthew Morningstar and Kristen Morningstar.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Hodge and Sherry Conley; four brothers, Burnis Knox, Otis Knox, Curtis Knox and Anthony Knox; and two sisters, Hettie Lucas and Brenda Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Calling will be after noon today and all day Thursday at the church. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jackie Short

LIGONIER — Jackie Lee Short, 17, of Ligonier died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a traffic accident.

Jackie Short

He lived most of his life in Ligonier and was a student at West Noble High School.

He worked at McDonald's in Ligonier.

He was born Sept. 22, 1986, in LaGrange to Charles Wesley Jr. and Donna (Kemplin) Short. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three brothers, his twin Christopher Michael Short, William Dale Short and Charles Wesley Short III, all of Ligonier; a sister, Amber Dawn Short of Ligonier; his maternal grandparents, Mary Lee and Pastor Emery Gibson of Rome City and Bernard Kemplin of Kendallville; and his paternal grandmother, Willie Dale Short of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at The House of Prayer, 1608 Dowling St., Kendallville, with Pastor Emery Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday at The House of Prayer. Memorials are to The House of Prayer.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Deetz

AUBURN — Helen L. (Tarlton) Deetz, 86, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Deetz was a homemaker and attended Calvary Chapel Church in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 26, 1918, in Garrett, to Joe and Nellie (Grosh) Tarlton. She married Robert Deetz on Dec. 23, 1939. He died Jan. 9, 1983.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Schoonover of Garrett; three grandchildren, Ray Burniston Jr. of Markle, Tammy Post of Auburn and Kristi McCormick of Fort Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda and Adam Burniston of Markle, Austin McCormick of Fort Wayne and Caitlin Owens of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, with the Rev. Rod Buzzard officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Calvary Chapel Youth Center.

The Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Thomas Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Thomas Edison "Tom" Farrington, 75, of Granite City died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Ruby Bonar

LAOTTO — Ruby M. Bonar, 73, of rural LaOtto died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at 5:20 a.m. at her home in Green Township. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Bonar

As a young woman, Mrs. Bonar was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne and worked for two years at Hooks Drugs in Churubusco. She also had worked at the former Green Center Store. She was a member of the Green Center United Methodist Church.

She was born March 23, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Dale T. and Sarah (Slater) Pomeroy and spent her formative years there. On Nov. 10, 1951, she married Paul F. Bonar in Churubusco and he survives. The couple spent the early years of their marriage at Blue Lake and had lived at their present farm home east of Green Center since 1960.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Barry Gaff and Linda and Michael Bixby, all of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Betty Pomeroy of Mission, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Phil Roberson of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Jason Gaff, Kim Gaff, Kari Krehl, David Ley, Elizabeth Ley, Kathryn Bixby and Jack Bixby; and two great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marie Jacobs.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastors Nancy and Austin Ferguson officiating.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City. Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Buddy Vendrely

SPENCERVILLE — Buddy Ronald "Bud" Vendrely, 71, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Vendrely was a self-employed carpenter and a Korean War Marine Corps veteran. He was a member of the Jack Brinker American Legion Leo Post 409.

He was born June 19, 1933, in Allen County to Erving R. and Dorothy M. (Hursh) Vendrely. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Kim Gnagy of Auburn and Bobby Hartman of Hamilton; a son, Aaron Vendrely of Spencerville; a companion, Phyllis Arnett of Spencerville; four grandchildren, Lindsey and Jasmine Hartman, Shane Wilson and Cory Vendrely; and a sister, Nancy Vendrely of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by Leo Post 409.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Chester Cole

ASHLAND CITY, Tenn. — Chester Cole, 61, of Ashland City died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole was born in McGaffin County, Ky.

He is survived by five sons, John of Kentucky, Ronnie of Tennessee, Tom of Michigan, Adam of Michigan, Norman of Michigan and Chester Cole Jr., of Michigan; a daughter, Lisa Roberts of Michigan; three sisters, Freda Johnson of Ashland City, Ann May Head of Tennessee and Pauline Munger of Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and four brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Thursday, September 16, 2004

Inah Archer

LAGRANGE — Inah M. Archer, 96, of LaGrange died at 9:50 a.m. Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Archer had worked many years at George & Helen's Restaurant in LaGrange, which later was operated by the Carney family.

She was born May 17, 1908, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ralph and Della (Miller) Penrose. On Feb. 14, 1940, she married James Archer. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and a cousin.

There are no survivors.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Mark Oberlin

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Mark Allen Oberlin, 48, of Columbus died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Oberlin was a graduate of Ohio State University. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Scioto Boat Club. He enjoyed the company of his pets, Blossom and Piedmont.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Peggy; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Jeanette Oberlin of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Jeff McCann of Hamilton; his mother-in-law, Irene Foulk of Plain City, Ohio; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Steve and Marcia Foulk and Tim and Anna Foulk; and three nephews, Shane Oberlin and Matthew and Stephen Foulk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Evelyn (Wible) Oberlin and his father-in-law, Edwin Foulk.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the Tidd Funeral Home with crematory, 5265 Norwich St., Hilliard, Ohio, with Pastor Casey Wilson officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Amlin United Methodist Church (Building Music) Services Fund, the Ronald McDonald House or to the re-election of George W. Bush.

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Hattie Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Hattie Hicks, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and loved to garden and tend to her flowers.

She was born Oct. 7, 1928, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Stidham. On Jan. 4, 1947, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Curtis Hicks. He died April 10, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Vickie Black of Kendallville, Cathy Johnson of Kendallville and Diane Morningstar of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ernst and Mary Knox, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Arnold and Betty Knox, all of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Crystal Johnson, Kevin Hodge, Klent Hodge, Nicole Gisel, Amanda Hodge, Brock Hodge, Melissa Conley, Brian Conley, Matthew Morningstar and Kristen Morningstar; and one great-grandchild, Blaine Gisel.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Linda Hodge and Sherry Conley; four brothers, Burnis Knox, Otis Knox, Curtis Knox and Anthony Knox; and three sisters, Hettie Lucas, Maudie Cordial and Brenda Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with the Rev. Russell Hicks and the Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be all day today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Henry Morris

KENDALLVILLE — Henry F. Morris, 69, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at 2:51 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Morris had lived most of his life in the Noble County area. He had retired in 1998 from Harvester in Springfield, Ohio. He had also worked at Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and an avid outdoorsman and naturalist.

Mr. Morris was a beloved father and grandfather who loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 25, 1935, in Coldwater, Mich., to Albert and Helen (Cornish) Morris. On Nov. 29, 1957, he married Darlene R. Sayles. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Stephanie Morris of Albion; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Roberta and Dennis Bridges, Christine and Jim Anderson, and Sandra Hull, all of Kendallville; a sister, Shirley Temperato of Bayville, N.J.; aunts and uncles, Sophia Cornish, Wanita and Bob Schultz and Harold and Loretta Cornish, all of Coldwater, and Viola of Florida; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Snead officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Herbert Beekman

WOLCOTTVILLE — A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Lodge in LaGrange for Herbert A. Beekman, 87, of Wolcottville.

Mr. Beekman died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mr. Beekman was a semi truck driver for Shippers Dispatch, and belonged to the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&A.M. in LaGrange and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in Summittville, he was born to Charles Francis and Torrence (Boch) Beekman. He married Harriet McConnell in Nappanee on Jan. 15, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Pugh of Inverness, Fla.; a niece, Gloria Buckles of Hudson; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, was a daughter, Michell Beekman, in 1993.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Warford-Vasquez

NOGALES, Ariz. — Dorothy Warford-Vasquez, 81, of Nogales and formerly of Elkhart, Ind., died at 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez had worked for CTS Corp.

She had been a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elkhart before moving to Nogales 33 years ago.

Mrs. Warford-Vasquez was active in the Nogales community as part of the Primeria Alta Garden Club, Telecare and United Churches Fellowship.

She was born May 23, 1923, in Garrett, Ind., to George and Ione (Squires) Schulthess. She first married Richard A. Warford Sr. who preceded her in death. She then married A.M. Vasquez, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Stephen Price of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ellen Warford of Kendallville, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Martha and Emmet Lovett and Carrie Kline, all of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Jessica Warford, Jennifer Price and Jody Price; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Schulthess; and two sisters, Jane Grube and Mildred DeLong.

A family memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Trinity Church United Methodist, corner of State and Rush streets in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Anton Nokovic

LAKE GEORGE — Anton "Tony" Nokovic of Lake George and formerly of Lake Station, died suddenly Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Buck Lake Ranch.

Mr. Nokovic was a corrections officer at Westville Correctional Facility and had worked for Taylor Forge. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed spending time at Buck Lake Ranch, located in rural Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son, Larry of Lake Station; daughters Annette of Lake Station and Christine of Fremont; three grandchildren, Megan, Amanda and Anthony; a brother, Alex; and two sisters, Sylvia Kramer of Portage and Sonia Rivera of Gary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glico and Pelagic Nokovic, and his in-laws, Rene and Gloria Luellman.

Memorial services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Buck Lake Ranch, located on Buck Lake Road off C.R. 200W.

Funeral services were Monday at Christopher Funeral Home, Lake Station.

Memorials may be made to the family through the funeral home at (219) 962-4115.

Frances Caswell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Frances Elizabeth Caswell, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born June 21, 1911, in Woodburn to William J. and Lucy L. McMaken Kyburz. She married Harold Darwin Caswell Sept. 13, 1930, in Kinderhook, Mich. He preceded her in death April 15, 1970. Mrs. Caswell was a homemaker. She enjoyed baking and was very active in her church.

Survivors include her daughter, Joy Thomas of Coldwater, Mich., and her husband, Bill; a son, Russell and his wife, Irene, of Sturgis, Mich.; three daughters-in-law, CoraVee Caswell of Fremont, Carol Holiday of Hastings, Mich., and Carolyn Caswell of Florida; a son-in-law, George Rathbun of Orland; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Irving, Paul and Eugene, and a daughter, Dorothy Rathbun.

Services will be Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, at 2 p.m. with Pastor John Rodgers officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Gideons, Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Ned Heiney

LAKE PANASOFFKEE, Fla. — Ned A. Heiney, 79, of Lake Panasoffkee, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, in Citrus Memorial Hospital, Inverness, Fla.

A native of Homer, Mich., he was born May 11, 1925, to John and Stella Bartholmew Heiney.

Mr. Heiney retired from the Pinellas County School System in Florida as a foreman in 1987. Prior to moving to Florida, he worked in the Coldwater, Mich., schools. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Lake Panasoffkee Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He frequently camped in the summers in the Angola area.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Eula Hall Heiney; four sons, John A. Heiney of Jerome, Mich., Daryle D. Snyder of Bethel Park, Pa., Tom Snyder of Montgomery, Mich., and Gary Snyder of Coldwater, Mich.; four daughters, Barbara Clouse of Lubbock, Texas, Shirley Meyer of Humeston, Iowa, Carol Farish of Lake Panasoffkee, and Roberta Capozzi of Billings, Mont.; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Charles E. Davis Funeral Home, Inverness. Burial will follow in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla., with full military honors. Calling will be from noon until the service at the funeral home on Monday.

Ralph Koepka

AVILLA — Ralph H. Koepka, 92, of Avilla died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at 6:50 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Koepka had lived in Avilla for three years. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. He was a car inspector on the B&O/C&O Railroad for 47 years, retiring in 1976.

He was born Dec. 12, 1911, in Garrett to Louis and Lisetta (Peters) Koepke. They preceded him in death. On Nov. 9, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Margaret Felice. She died on Jan. 19, 1996.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Griffin of Auburn and Bernice Humbarger of Sebring, Fla.; a brother, Clarence Koepke of Cottonwood, Ariz.; four nieces and nephews and eight greatnieces and greatnephews.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Robert Koepke.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Thomas Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Thomas Edison "Tom" Farrington, 75, of Granite City, Ill., died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Farrington was a retired salesman for the Mack Truck Co. He was a former member of the Auburn Jaycees, a member of the Tri-State Motorcycle Club, a former member and past president of the former Corunna Lions Club and a member of the Collinsville Barbershop Quartet.

He was born Feb. 9, 1929, in Corunna to Earl and Ada Farrington. He married Patricia Ann Miser on Jan. 21, 1949, and she died on Jan. 4, 2004.

He is survived by three sons — and two daughters-in-law, Wayne and Kim Farrington of Bloomington, Don and Jane Farrington of Granite City and Ron Farrington and his fiancee, Jackie Sipes, of Granite City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Harry Rottger of Auburn, Cathy and Jim Bryant of Gettysburg, Pa., and Cheryl and Bob Wright of Granite City; and two sisters-in-law, Jane Wilhelm of LaGrange and Lorna Mavis of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Wade Allen Rottger, two sisters, Lois Albright and Joan Beadell, and a brother, Charles Farrington.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-6 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A private burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery prior to calling.

Memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

The Rev. Willis 'Calvin' Chaffin

GARRETT — The Rev. Willis "Calvin" Chaffin, 77, of Garrett died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at 11 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Chaffin was employed at General Motors for 30 years, retiring in 1977. He then worked as a pastor, serving churches in Detroit, Mich.; Puxico, Mo., and Pekin and Rockford, Ill. For the past six years he had worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

Mr. Chaffin

He was a member of the New Testament Church in Flint, Mich., Big Brothers of Flint and a retired member of the General Baptist Association of Michigan. He attended Auburn Baptist Church.

He was born July 25, 1927, in Broseley, Mo., to William Albert and Flossie (Lack) Chaffin and they are deceased.

He married Donna Gould on Jan. 27, 1951, in Angola and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Tonya Chaffin of Garrett; two brothers, Bill Chaffin of Decatur, Ala., and James Skidmore of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters, Virginia Johnson of St. Joseph, Mo., Goldia Hittle of Croswell, Mich., and Nancy Phillips of Enterprise, Ala.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Mike Lilly, Tricia and Chad Rayle and Trina and Kip Rayle, all of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lowell Chaffin, a brother, Charles Chaffin, and three sisters, Mildred Moore, Geneva Keene and Betty Jo Chaffin.

Services will be Sunday at 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bill Weaver officiating.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services also will be conducted Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Swartz Funeral Home, Flint, Mich., with calling Monday from 3-7 p.m. (Indiana times).

Burial will be in Crestwood Cemetery, Flint.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jeremiah Goad

WINONA LAKE — Jeremiah D. Goad, 21, of Winona Lake died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at 12:16 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Mr. Goad was a student at Ivy Tech in Warsaw and formerly was employed at Dalton Foundry. He had been a Winona Lake resident for one year.

He was born July 7, 1983, in Dallas, Texas, to Walter D. and Susan J. (Sprinkle) Goad.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Sue and Wes Degenkolb of Winona Lake; his father and stepmother, Walter and Debra Goad of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, David Goad of Winona Lake; a stepbrother, Eric Degenkolb of Kokomo; and grandparents Dave and Eugina Fulkerson of Warsaw, Robert and Barbara Sprinkle of Huntington, John and Betty Degenkolb of Kokomo and Judy Carmichael of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Patricia Goad.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with chaplain Doug West officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the David Goad Education Fund, 1324 Lexington Drive, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios and reading science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Laura Frey of Corunna and Delphia Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half-sister, Regina, and her spouse William Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Robert Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

There are no services or calling. A burial date will be announced later.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Betty Lohm

CARMEL — Betty J. Lohm, 77, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Sunrise of Carmel in Carmel.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two brothers, Gene Shanyfelt of Auburn and Herb Shanyfelt of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Barbara Houser of Auburn, and Frances Reinders and Beverly Dibble, both of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter M. Lohm, in 1987, and a son, Arthur Lohm.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at McComb Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

William Thacker

GARRETT — William O. Thacker, 54, of Garrett, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Thacker was born Oct. 3, 1949, in Pikeville, Ky., to Allen Paul and Gladys (Thacker) Thacker.

He married Thresa Isham on July 3, 1986, at the Good Shepherd Church in Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters, Shawnae M. Thacker of Auburn and Kelly Baker of Kentucky; four sons, Jeffrey, Billy and Darrell Thacker, all of Texas, and David Baker of Michigan; three stepchildren, Christopher Greuter, Tracey Bley and Shay Greuter, all of Garrett; two brothers, Paul Thacker and Clarence Thacker, both of Garrett; two sisters, Julia Irish of Butler and Allena Thacker of Waterloo; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Thelma Thacker.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Myrtle Pristas

BRYAN, Ohio — Former Pleasant Lake resident Myrtle Ellen Pristas, 82, of Bryan, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at Harborside Health Care in Bryan.

Mrs. Pristas was a homemaker and mother. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born Oct. 26, 1921, in Vincennes, to Russell and Mary (Ray) Rinehart.

She married Andy Pristas on Nov. 30, 1940, and he preceded her in death on April 6, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas Pristas of Bryan and Phillip and Sharon Pristas of Cincinnati, Ohio; two brothers, Steven Rinehart of Morgantown, W.Va. and Joseph Rinehart of Angola; four sisters, Roberta Bozimowski of Plymouth, Mich., Mickie Champion of Fremont, Delight Pirc of Milford, Conn. and Joyce Capone of Spokane, Wash.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Rinehart Jr., in 1982; and a sister, Ruth Collins, in 1987.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Gerald Herman officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Harborside Health Care of Bryan.

Gregory Baker

WATERLOO — Gregory J. Baker, 25, of Waterloo, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Baker was a veteran of the U.S. Army and attended Calvary Temple in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 17, 1979, in Auburn, to Shirley Ann Baker. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his grandmother, Maxine Olds of Waterloo; a sister, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; three brothers, Michael Baker of Milwaukee, David Baker of Waterloo and Darnell Kirksey of Auburn; a niece and nephew, Jayden McCowan and Briana Fosnaugh; and uncle and aunt, Greg and Kathy Baker of Butler; and three aunts and two uncles, June and Steve Jordan of Auburn, Cindy and Mike Schuller of Waterloo and Raynell Mills of Waterloo.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Henry Johnson

AUBURN — Henry M. Johnson, 83, of Auburn, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 10, 1920, in Waterloo, to Robert and Mary (Rohm) Johnson.

Surviving is one brother, Harry Johnson of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Perry and Robert Johnson.

Services will be Monday at noon in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling is Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Monday, September 20, 2004

Norma Hite

LIGONIER — Norma Hite, 89, of Ligonier died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Health Care.

Mrs. Hite had been an operator for both the Ligonier and Topeka telephone companies.

A lifetime Ligonier resident, she and her husband enjoyed traveling, especially to the Wisconsin lakes area and to Frankenmuth, Mich.

She was born April 8, 1915, in Ligonier to Louis and Ruth (Todd) Levy. On Sept. 5, 1943, in Goshen she married Keith C. Hite. He survives.

Surviving are a brother, Jon Levy of Astoria, Ore.

She was preceded in death by two infant children; a brother, Virgil Levy; and a sister, Elizabeth Antonides.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Tuesday.

Jesslynn Gallo

ALBION — Jesslynn Sue Gallo, daughter of Hector Manuel Gallo Jr. and Delisha Sue Roark of Albion, died shortly after birth Saturday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving with her parents are maternal grandparents, Eddy and Terri Roark of Albion; paternal grandfather, Ralph Detwiler of Albion; maternal great-grandmother Dale Messer of Albion; and paternal great-grandmother, Betty Gray of Churubusco.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield with Brett Frick officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Gregory Baker

WATERLOO — Gregory J. Baker, 25, of Waterloo died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker was a veteran of the U.S. Army and attended Calvary Temple in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 17, 1979, in Auburn, to Shirley Ann Baker. His mother preceded him in death.

Surviving are his grandmother, Maxine Olds of Waterloo; a sister, Alicia Fosnaugh of Auburn; three brothers, Michael Baker of Milwaukee, David Baker of Waterloo and Darnell Kirksey of Auburn; a niece and nephew, Jayden McCowan and Briana Fosnaugh; and uncle and aunt, Greg and Kathy Baker of Butler; and three aunts and two uncles, June and Steve Jordan of Auburn, Cindy and Mike Schuller of Waterloo and Raynell Mills of Waterloo.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had lived in the Goshen area since 1964.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church.

She was born June 26, 1914, in Newton County to Joe and Katie (Schlabach) Yoder.

Three husbands preceded her in death — Raymond Stutzman, whom she married Feb. 5, 1929, in Nappanee; Mose Schrock, whom she married Aug. 27, 1966, in Middlebury; and Ora Miller whom she married Oct. 7, 1972, in Middlebury.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Ben Kaiser of Milford and Fern and Lowell Maust of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Betty Stutzman of Kokomo, Eugene and Shirley Stutzman of Kendallville, Ralph and Marilyn Stutzman of Indianapolis, and Robert and Verna Stutzman of Cedar Hill, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Raymond Stutzman Jr.; three sisters, Nora Miller, Mattie Miller and Millie Bontrager; and six brothers, Henry, Harvey, Joe, Eli, Simon and Tobias Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating.

Burial will be in South Union Cemetery in Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Madolin Ort

GARRETT — Madolin M. Ort, 92, of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004 at 2:05 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home of Garrett.

Miss Ort had lived in Garrett for the past 36 years. She served as the executive secretary for the Teamsters Union before retiring in 1966.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Born Aug. 2, 1912 in Garrett, she was the daughter of Charles A. and Frances J. (Erickson) Ort.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, William A. and Victoria Ort of Garrett; two nieces and their husbands, Alice and Jerry Weller and Julia and Wayne Boltz, all of Garrett; a nephew and his wife, Chuck and Terry Ort of Garrett; 10 great-nieces and nephews and 18 great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Helen Ort.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer and Jim Lilley officiating.

There will be no calling.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Edith Aldrich

FORT WAYNE — Edith Aldrich, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Aldrich was born Sept. 21, 1929, in Newton, N.C. She worked at Value City for 21 years, retiring in 2002.

She enjoyed crocheting.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Jim Zimmerman of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Derrick W. and Cathy Aldrich of Pleasant Lake and Daron H. and Robin Aldrich of Indianapolis; a daughter-in-law, Deb Aldrich of Parker, Texas; three brothers, Chester Blackmon of Sumpter, S.C., Donald Blackmon of Ocala, Fla., and Steve Blackmon of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Sara Bazzle of North Charleston, S.C., Hazeline Hill of Florence, S.C. and Caroline Stewart of Manning, S.C.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Aldrich, in 2001; a daughter, Gina Aldrich, in 1970; a son, Douglas F. Aldrich, in 2003; three sisters, Margaret Holiday, Kathleen Green and Thenia Bird; and a brother, Waddell Blackmon.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Crossroads.

Kenneth Galligher

ALBION — Kenneth H. Galligher, 77, of Albion died at 1:55 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in Parkview Whitley Hospital at Columbia City.

Mr. Galligher

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion.

He retired as a welder/inspector for Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 1986.

He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and following high school sports.

He was born Oct. 24, 1926, in Allen County to Kenneth and Marie (Fox) Galligher. He married Eleanor Galbreath on March 4, 1946, in New Haven. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Stan Reed of Fort Wayne, Linda (Messman) and Bill Mason of Monroeville; Karen and Jim Nuttle of Fort Wayne, Barbara and Jim Molessa of Tucson, Ariz., and Patricia and Denny Oswald of Fort Wayne; three sons, Kenneth Galligher Jr. of Albion, Michael and Chris Galligher of Albion, and Steven and Doreen Galligher of Albion; three brothers, Don Galligher of Auburn, Jim Galligher of Monroeville and Greg Galligher of Monroeville; three sisters, Dorothy Michlec of Fort Wayne, Gloria Bouse of Fort Wayne, Phyllis Sheoph of Fort Wayne; 23 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Church in Churubusco with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

Memorial are to Blessed Sacrament Church.

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Former Ligonier businessman Robert Kidd, 84, dies

LIGONIER — Former Ligonier businessman Robert W. Kidd, 84, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, in Naples, Fla.

Mr. Kidd

Mr. Kidd was president and chairman of the board of Kidd & Co. in Ligonier for many years. Under his direction the marshmallow company grew from 15 employees to 450.

He was an active member of the Ligonier community. He held memberships in the West Noble American Legion, Ligonier Elks Club and the Ligonier Rotary Club. He served on the board of the Ligonier Library and was a member of the Private Label Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Kidd was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

He was an avid golfer, an accomplished artist and a pen maker. He enjoyed collecting antiques and stamps. He played with the group the Tune Butchers.

Mr. Kidd was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and lived in the Ligonier area since 1946.

He was born May 23, 1920, in Chicago to George W. and Grace (Janes) Kidd. In 1943, in Decatur, Ill., he married Annabelle Kunz. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W. and Chloe Kidd of Ligonier, John R. and Christine Kidd of Las Vegas, Nev., and Christopher and Angie Kidd of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Greg Knepp of Ligonier, Julia and Kevin Fenner of Naperville, Ill., and Jan and Jim Boeglin of Bonita Springs, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Relay for Life.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home at Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Delores Hughes

HUDSON — Delores E. Hughes, 89, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hughes was born Jan. 31, 1915, in Otsego Township, Steuben County, to Joseph and Belle (Lemmon) Sewell. She was married to Howard W. Hughes, who preceded her in death on July 19, 1972.

She retired after 30 years at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola. She and her husband farmed for many years in Jackson Township in Steuben County.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara L. and George Steffes of Edgerton, Ohio, and Pamela K. and Richard Kain of Orland; a sister, Hazel Heston of Hamilton; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, George Steffes Jr.; a brother, Bill Sewell; and a sister, Pauline Brandt.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Calling is today from 3-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Memorials are to the Salem Township Fire Department.

Helen Ley

SYRACUSE — Helen Ley, 82, of Syracuse and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Ley had been a Kendallville resident until 10 years ago when poor health forced her to lived in health care facilities in Avilla and Syracuse.

She had been a day care teacher at the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville and had loved working with children.

Mrs. Ley was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and doing crossword puzzles.

She was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Albion to William and Juanita (Beckner) Grimes.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff and Vicki Ley of Leesburg and Mark Ley Sr. of Grovertown; two daughters and a son-in-law, Anne Burns of North Webster and Cheryl and Bryan Anderson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters, Dora Kelly of Hawaii and Nell Hipshire of Cromwell; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

John Leighty

WINTER SPRINGS, Fla. — John Ray "J.R." Leighty, 74, of Winter Springs died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Leighty

Mr. Leighty moved to Winter Springs four years ago from Casselberry. He moved to Casselberry in the late 1950s from Kendallville, Ind.

He worked as a carpenter and held several custodial positions before retiring from the Seminole County Public Schools in 1994. Following his retirement, he and his wife traveled throughout the country selling fraternal and Western accessories at merchandise conventions.

Mr. Leighty served as a Casselberry city councilman from 1970 to 1983.

He was a member of Northland Church where he was active in the AMEN Group. He was a Master Mason with South Seminole Masonic Lodge in Casselberry and well as a Noble Shriner with the Bahia Shrine Temple in Maitland. He was a member of the Tin Lizzies and the Keystone Kops.

Mr. Leighty was born in Kendallville to the late Earl D. and Sara Leighty. Mr. Leighty died on the anniversary of his father's death on Sept. 17, 1980.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanie of Winter Springs; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kris and Harold Ebert of Longwood, Fla., and Kim and Max Taylor of Winter Springs; a son, Robert Earl Leighty; three stepdaughters, Coleta Renneger and her husband, Don, Becky Borden and Sherry Lott, all of Springfield, Mo.; a stepson, Randy Stacy of Springfield; a sister, Betty Diehl of Kendallville; four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins in the Kendallville area.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred, who was formerly of South Milford, Ind.; a sister, Eleanor Ellenbecker of Kendallville; two brothers, Earl Leighty Jr. and Walter Leighty, both of Kendallville; and a stepgranddaughter, Tiffany Johnson.

Services were today at Northland's Chapel Annex in Casselberry. Burial was in All Faiths Memorial Park.

Adeline Stuckey

AUBURN — Services for Adeline Stuckey, 96, of Auburn will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren. The Rev. Donald Shankster will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Stuckey died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau 4T's and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 1, 1907, in Pike County to John and Barbara (Gingerich) Aschleman.

She married LaVern H. Stuckey on March 28, 1929, in Spencerville. He died Sept. 8, 1958.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell L. and Joyce Stuckey of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Lowneta and Charles Freed of Waterloo a brother, Raymond Aschleman of Auburn; a sister, Mildred Palmer of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Fink, Tracy Barse, Trent Stuckey, Cynthia Reed and Richard Freed; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, William, Cletus, Elmer and Amos Aschleman.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or the Heimach Center.

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Robert Kleeman

CHILLICOTHE, Mo. — Robert Fredrick Kleeman, 80, of Chillicothe died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at Morningside Nursing Home in Chillicothe.

Mr. Kleeman was a 1943 graduate of Auburn High School. In the 1950s he owned several businesses, including a grain and seed company and a plumbing business. He was a chef for many years and was a social worker in Logansport until his retirement. He moved to Chillicothe from Bradenton, Fla., in 2001.

He was born April 27, 1924, in Auburn, Ind., to Karl and Maude Kleeman.

He married Marjorie Ann Rice on July 11, 1943, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Roberta Ann and Phil Watson of Whittier, Calif., Pamela Lynn and Don Brewer of Lacey, Wash., and Kathryn Marie and David Copeland of Chillicothe, Mo.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Friends are invited to join in fellowship with the family at the LaQuinta Inn of Auburn, immediately following the service.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Memorials are to the Highview Baptist Church of Chillicothe and may be mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

E. Ross Holman

ANGOLA — E. Ross "Bob" Holman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Holman was born May 3, 1919, in White County to Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman. He was married to Alice Collins on March 17, 1945, and she survives.

He started farming with his father in Butler, then moved to Angola, where he remained and farmed the rest of his life. He was a member of Babes in the Woods Camping Club, Alpha Farmers Club, and a life member of Farm Bureau. He was a former FHA loan advisor, and a member of the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 10 years.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen Holman of Lafayette, Rex and Karen Holman of Hamilton and Ralph and Colleen Holman and Jeff and Heather Holman, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Waterloo and Susie and Eric Cary of Ligonier; two sisters, Kathryn David of Angola and Helen Harrington of Franklin, N.H.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Holman; and a sister, Doris Hine.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association of Cameron Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide service information.*

Helen Mangona

LIGONIER — Helen L. Mangona, 81, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mrs. Mangona had owned and operated Brookmill Corner Kitchen Restaurant in Fort Wayne. She had lived in the Ligonier area since 1993.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and traveling.

She was born April 13, 1923, in Winchester to Walter and Nancy (Gultice) Weaver. On July 27, 1946, in Fort Wayne, she married Anthony Joseph Mangona. He died in 1972.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Donna Mangona of Ligonier and Anthony and Janet Mangona of Marion, N.C.; a brother and sister-in-law, Willard and June Weaver of Union City, Ohio; three grandchildren, Richard W. Mangona, Chelsi Ann Strieby and Kimberly Dawn Garrison; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Alan Weaver; four sisters, Pauline Weir, Ruth Fuller, Mary Crawford and Velma Weaver; and a grandson, Joseph Lee Mangona.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Babisino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios and reading science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Laura Frey of Corunna and Delphia Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half sister, Regina, and her spouse William Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Robert Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1901 E. Dowling St., Kendallville.

Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Jack Barton

ALBION — Jack L. Barton, 67, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at his home. He had been ill since April.

Mr. Barton had moved to Albion in 1974 from Albany.

He was employed by Teamsters No. 414 and 135 for more than 34 years. He had also served as a patrolman at the Chain O' Lakes campground for many years and been employed at Orr Cabinets in Albion for several years.

Mr. Barton enjoyed spending time with his dog, Igby, who was a great comfort to him during his illness. He also enjoyed refinishing furniture, woodworking and doing yard work.

He was born June 23, 1937, in Hartford City to Paul W. and Mary (Tighe) Barton. They are deceased. On Dec. 27, 1958, he married Lynette L. Bond. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and John Vickers of Auburn; a stepson and his wife, Ken and Rhonda Sisco of Albany; a stepdaughter Tina Frankenberg and her friend, Randy, of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters, Paula Arnett of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., and Meg Ellis of Albany; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Jan Barton of Oregon and Butch and Veretta Barton of Dunkirk; four stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Luther Dettmer

OSSIAN — Luther Amos Dettmer, 92, of Ossian died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004, at Golden Years Homestead.

Mr. Dettmer was born April 9, 1912, in Wells County to John and Ida Dettmer. He married Meta H. (Buuck) Dettmer on Oct. 22, 1932. She preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 2003.

He was president and district manager for the Uniondale and Mid-Indiana telephone companies, with headquarters in Ossian for 26 years. Prior to that, he was a contractor and farmer.

He served as head of the Ossian Lions Club and the Ossian Booster Club. He was active in many community activities. He served as president of the J.K. Johnson Chapter of Independent Telephone Association and District 2 of the Indiana Telephone Association. He also served as a Wells County Commissioner.

His daughter and son-in-law had a Lake James summer home, and Mr. Dettmer was a frequent visitor.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Alberta "Birdie" and Gene Melcher and Valera "Val" and Gene Evans, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and their spouses, Gary and Chris Melcher of Sheboygan, Wis., Julie and Rick Diermeier of Waunakee, Wis., and Joni Evans of Bozeman, Mont.; great-grandchildren, Joshua, Ryan and Jessica Melcher and Dane, Mary and Drew Diermeier.

He was also preceded in death by six brothers, Herman, Albert, Charles, Fred, William and Victor Dettmer; and five sisters, Annetta Springer, Ella Springer, Christine McCune, Lela Schmidt and Frieda Brueck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home Ossian, and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church and Worship for Shut-Ins.

Charles Mance

HUNTERTOWN — Memorial servies for Charles Mance of Huntertown, who died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Huntertown.

Mr. Mance had been a longtime Huntertown resident.

He was a member of Our Hope Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Huntertown Lions Club and charter member of VFW Post 11314.

Mr. Mance was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi; two daughters, Margaret of Kendallville and Nancy of Crestline, Ohio; two sisters, Pearl Jurgen of San Jose, Calif., and Margaret Larson of Key Largo, Fla.; a grandson, Dereck, of Columbus, Ohio; a niece, Leona Bracht; and a nephew, Ed Hatch.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Indiana or to the Huntertown Lions Club.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information and correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Stutzman Miller, 90, of Goshen died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. Before moving to the Goshen-Middlebury area in 1964, she and her first husband raised their children on a farm in Milford where they also raised beef cattle, peppermint and corn.

She was a member of First Mennonite Church.

She was born June 26, 1914, in Newton County, Kan., to Joe and Katie (Schlabach) Yoder.

Three husbands preceded her in death — Raymond Stutzman, whom she married Feb. 5, 1929, in Nappanee; Mose Schrock, whom she married Aug. 27, 1966, in Middlebury; and Ora Miller whom she married Oct. 7, 1972, in Middlebury.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Viola and Ben Kaiser of Milford and Fern and Lowell Maust of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, Edwin and Betty Stutzman of Kokomo, Eugene and Shirley Stutzman of Kendallville, Ralph and Marilyn Stutzman of Indianapolis, and Robert and Verna Stutzman of Cedar Hill, Texas; 16 grandchildren including Kim and Mark Shearer of Ligonier and Lyn and Lisa Stutzman of Topeka; 28 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Raymond Stutzman Jr.; three sisters, Nora Miller, Mattie Miller and Millie Bontrager; and six brothers, Henry, Harvey, Joe, Eli, Simon and Tobias Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin and the Rev. Pamela Yoder officiating.

Burial will be in South Union Cemetery in Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Betty Osmun

FORT WAYNE — Betty J. Osmun, 71, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Osmun was a child-care provider for 27 years and a member of Moeller Road Wesleyan Church.

She was born in Lansing, W. Va., to Nona Bickford-Wood-Hawkins and Clifford R. Wood.

Surviving are a daughter, Trina K. Drew of New Haven; two sons, Todd A. of Fort Wayne and Fred M. Osmun Jr. of Owasso, Okla.; three sisters, Lillian J. Kropp of Wolcottville, Delores I. Violet of Springfield, Ohio, and Linda K. Hawkins of Hebron; a brother, Thomas E. Hawkins of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Alva Howkinds; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred M.; two brothers, E. Ray Hawkins and Clifford Eugene Wood; and a sister, Della Wood Lauer.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Moeller Road Wesleyan Church, 7722 Moeller Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Moeller Road Wesleyan Church or the American Cancer Society.

Arthur Ellis

AUBURN — Arthur Ellis, 76, of Ashley and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Ellis was born to Arthur and Ethel (Deems) Ellis on Oct. 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne.

He married Mabel Marie Miller on Nov. 9, 1946.

He enjoyed C.B. and ham radios, working on cars, reading and science fiction.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters and two sons-in-law, Donna and David Koehlinger of Fort Wayne, Sharon Ellis of Fort Wayne, Beverly Lankford of Kendallville, Dianna and Claude Buss of Auburn, and Jeanine Bender of Pleasant Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Nancy Ellis of Edon, Ohio, and Brian and Peggy Ellis of Pleasant Lake; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and William Frey of Corunna and Delphia and John Samis of Sulphur, Okla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Thelma Ellis of Denver, Colo.; one half-sister, Regina, and her spouse Billy Pogue of Auburn; 15 grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Carl Ellis; a daughter, Karen Sue Ellis; two sisters, Eunice and Dorothy; a son-in-law, Ronald Lankford; and a niece, Cynthia Frey.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1901 E. Dowling St., Kendallville, President Jeff Murphy officiating.

Burial will be in Trinity Cemetery, Hudson.

Arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Susanna Reyes

ANGOLA — Susanna Reyes, an infant, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. in Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne, where she was born that day.

She was the daughter of Jose and Maria (Anicua) Reyes of Angola. They survive.

Also surviving are her paternal grandparents, Santos and Maria Reyes of Angola, and maternal grandparents, Miguel and Elena Anicua of Mexico.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

Ellen Foss

FORT WAYNE — Ellen B. Foss, 91, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Bethlehem Woods Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Foss was born in Fort Wayne. She had been a resident of Crooked Lake for the last 30 years.

She was a homemaker, member of the Fremont Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward W. and Janet of Fort Wayne and John D. and Heather of Kent, Wash.; eight grandchildren, Edward, Kim, Scott, Roxanna, Laura, Sharice, Johnathon and Priscella; four great-grandchildren, Matthew, Gabriel, Rachel and Kyle; six stepgrandchildren; 14 step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burdette "Bud" in 1987; and a grandson, Daniel.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witness Hall, Southern Care Hospice or donor's choice.

Martha Evans

AUBURN — Martha E. Evans, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Robert Rosenbury of Auburn and Sheree Hendrix of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steve Evans of Auburn and James Hendrix of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Hooe of Oregon; and four grandchildren, Laura Evans, Molly Rosenbury, Melissa Hendrix and Michael Hendrix.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jewel Cox, and a brother, William Hooe.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Oda Baatz

AUBURN — Oda M. Baatz, 91, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mrs. Baatz was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

She was born Sept. 30, 1912, in Wittenberg, Mo., to Otto and Lydia (Weinhold) Lueders.

She married Fred Baatz on Dec. 19, 1942. He died Oct. 28, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Betty Buchanan of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Wilma and Harry Brumbaugh of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Arthur Buchanan Jr.; and three brothers, Hilmer Lueders, Herold Lueders and the Rev. Alfred Lueders.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour Radio Program or Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Jimmie Sattison

WATERLOO — Jimmie Lee Sattison, 72, of Waterloo died Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Sattison

Mr. Sattison was the owner of Sattison Refrigeration of Waterloo for 45 years, retiring in 1999.

He served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a lifetime member of the National American Legion, the Garrett post of American Legion, the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Korean War Veterans Chapter 1 of Indiana.

He also was a lifetime member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

He was born April 6, 1932, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Clayton and Lula Mae (Albright) Sattison. They preceded him in death.

He married Mavis Dee Roberts on Feb. 3, 1952, in Pleasant Lake. She died April 2, 1996.

He married Phyllis Keneubuhler on Dec. 21, 1996, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kaylee Sattison Witt of Ashley; two sons and daughters-in-law, Marty and Mary Jo Sattison of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Mark and Lori Sattison of Corunna; a stepson, Rocky Sattison of Waterloo; two brothers, Albert Sattison of Churubusco and Clayton Sattison Jr. of Hamilton; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

E. Ross Holman

ANGOLA — E. Ross "Bob" Holman, 85, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Holman was born May 3, 1919, in White County, to Ray and Mary (Gilmore) Holman. He was married to Alice Collins on March 17, 1945, and she survives.

He started farming with his father in Butler, then moved to Angola, where he remained and farmed the rest of his life. He was a member of Babes in the Woods Camping Club, Alpha Farmers Club, and a life member of the Farm Bureau. He was a former FHA loan advisor, and a member of the soil conservation service. He drove a school bus for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 10 years.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen Holman of Lafayette, Rex and Karen Holman of Hamilton and Ralph and Colleen Holman and Jeff and Heather Holman, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and John Phillips of Waterloo and Susie and Eric Cary of Ligonier; two sisters, Kathryn David of Angola and Helen Harrington of Franklin, N.H.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Holman; and a sister, Doris Hine.

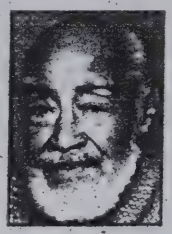
Services were at 11 a.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling was Thursday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or Cameron Hospice.

Albert Pryor

FOX LAKE — Albert Lee Pryor, 97, a Fox Lake resident since 1946, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004.


Mr. Pryor

Mr. Pryor was born to Lee and Sallie (Scott) Pryor on Sept. 12, 1907. He began his life on an Army base, where his father was serving with the Buffalo Soldiers.

After his father left the Army, Mr. Pryor's family settled in Indianapolis, where he attended school. He graduated in 1925, and then moved to Chicago, where he attended college for one term and then began employment with the New York Central Railroad, most notably the 20th Century Limited, Penn Central and finally Amtrak. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, taking leave from the railroad until his discharge. He retired from railroading in 1972.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post No. 31 and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Hal Parker of Angola; two grandsons and their wives, Don and Gwen Parker of Indianapolis and Alan and Vicki Parker of Angola; five great-grandchildren, Ceara, Jacob, Samara, Drew and Morgan; and two nieces, Beverly Glenn of Inglewood, Calif., and Hazelene Hines of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazelene Ashbrooke, to whom he was married for 39 years; a sister, Ruby Mitchel; his second wife, Mata Roy; a companion, Georgia Karr; and a great-grandson, Damon James Parker.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola, with a prayer service at 12:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Martha Evans

AUBURN — Martha E. Evans, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Smith Farms Manor in Auburn.

Born in Oklahoma City, Okla., she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Terri and Robert Rosenbury of Auburn and Sheree Hendrix of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steve Evans of Auburn and James Hendrix of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Hooe of Oregon; and four grandchildren, Laura Evans, Molly Rosenbury, Melissa Hendrix and Michael Hendrix.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeffrey E. Evans; a sister, Jewel Cox; and a brother, William Hooe.

Services will be today at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Friday, September 24, 2004

Clayton Stuver

COLUMBIA CITY — Clayton Wayne Stuver, 84, of Columbia City died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Stuver

Mr. Stuver had lived in Noble County since 1939. Prior to that he had lived in North Dakota and Washington state where he helped build the Grand Coulee Dam.

He was a sales representative for Electrolux for 50 years.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 150th Field Artillery Battalion of the 38th Infantry Division during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1945.

Mr. Stuver was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and trustee for many years.

He was born Nov. 3, 1919, in North Dakota to Arva and Emma (Pontzius) Stuver. On Jan. 31, 1947, he married Martha Jane Holycross. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Darwin Sievers of Fort Wayne. Elaine and James Faux of Pendleton and Valerie and Michael Miller of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Virginia Hunnicutt of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Oscar Stuver and George Stuver; and a sister, Marie Zink.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Jeffrey Harker of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Craig Crothers

KENDALLVILLE — Craig R. Crothers, 49, of Kendallville died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Crothers had suffered from muscular dystrophy since 1991 and was disabled.

He was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School. He served in Vietnam in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1978.

Mr. Crothers was born May 9, 1955, in Kendallville to Norman and Joan E. (Trowbridge) Crothers. His parents survive in Kendallville.

On Dec. 7, 1980, in Kendallville he married Sandra Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Abigail Crothers of Lafayette and her fiance, R. Baron Bredel of Valparaiso; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Kim Crothers of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Shippy of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Kathryn Shippy, Julie Crothers and Jennifer Crothers; and a nephew, R. Andrew Shippy.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial with military graveside services by American Legion Post 86 will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Because We Care, in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

Norman Westrick

AUBURN — Norman F. Westrick, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Westrick was a DeKalb County farmer for all of his adult life and worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 37 years, retiring in 1988. He also was employed at the Farm Bureau Co-op from 1948 to 1951.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1946 to 1948. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 3, 1928, in DeKalb County to Herman William and Elenore (Dulle) Westrick.

On May 10, 1952, he married Patricia J. Dove. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike F. and Pam Westrick of Auburn and Steve A. and Teresa Westrick of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra K. and Max Miller of Waterloo; two brothers, Leo Westrick of Greensburg and Herman Westrick Jr. and his wife, Betty, of Wilmington, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Sharon Ridgeway of Bowling Green, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Scott J. Miller, Chad M. Westrick, Randy D. Miller, Mindy A. Westrick, Eric C. Westrick and Celsei M. Westrick.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Westrick, and a sister-in-law, Roselyn Westrick.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemeterye.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice and the Diabetes Association.

Saturday, September 25, 2004

Zonna Newman

GOSHEN — Zonna I. Newman, 97, of Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at the nursing center.

Mrs. Newman worked at Wirk Garment Factory in Ligonier for 20 years before she retired in 1955.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Niles, Mich., and was a Pythian Sister.

She lived in Ligonier until 1956.

She was born on July 20, 1907, in Otsego, Mich., to David and Ida (Slocum) Davis.

She married Arthur W. Newman on July 28, 1925. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Davis and Mary Jane Newman of Niles, Mich., and Leon and Bonnie Newman of Milford; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Marland Davis of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Preceding her in death are her husband, a daughter, Marva Houser; three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at noon today at Mishler-Eastland Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse. The Rev. Jim Bontrager will officiate. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

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Craig Crothers

KENDALLVILLE — Craig R. Crothers, 49, of Kendallville died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Crothers had suffered from muscular dystrophy since 1991 and was disabled.

He was a 1974 graduate of East Noble High School. He served in active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1978 and served in the Navy reserves from 1978-1991.

Mr. Crothers was born May 9, 1955, in Kendallville to Norman and Joan E. (Trowbridge) Crothers. His parents survive in Kendallville.

On Dec. 7, 1980, in Kendallville, he married Sandra Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Abigail Crothers of Lafayette and her fiance, R. Baron Brendel of Valparaiso; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Kim Crothers of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Shippy of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Kathryn Shippy, Julie Crothers and Jennifer Crothers; and a nephew, R. Andrew Shippy.

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Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial with military graveside services by American Legion Post 86 will be at Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Because We Care, in care of the Noble County Community Founda-

Katharine Gunsett

VAN WERT, Ohio — Katharine Louise (Black) Gunsett, 85, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 5:10 a.m. (Indiana time) at her home.

Mrs. Gunsett was a homemaker. She was a member of the Van Wert First United Methodist Church, Van Wert Women's Club, TWIG IV, Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, Willow Bend Country Club, Van Wert Women's Garden Club and Van Wert American Red Cross.

She was a graduate of Van Wert High School and attended Giffin College in Van Wert.

She was born Oct. 17, 1918, in Van Wert to Mabel (Craft) and Walter Black.

On Nov. 14, 1942, she married Harry M. Gunsett. He died Feb. 19, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Linda Gunsett of Decatur and Daniel and Regina Gunsett of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen and Stephen Dibert of Lima, Ohio, and Kristen and Daniel Winn of Auburn; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Eugene Black; and a sister, Margaret Gilliland.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in the First United Methodist Church, Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery of Van Wert.

Calling will be Monday from 8-10 a.m. (Indiana times) at the church.

Memorials are to North Carolina Aquariums, 2201 Fort Fisher Blvd., South Kure Beach, NC 28449.

Arrangements are by Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home of Van Wert. Send condolences to agfh@bright.net.

Faye Treesh

AUBURN — Faye Ann Treesh, 61, of Auburn died Thursday evening, Sept. 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 22, 1943, in Wilson, N.C., to Ford and Dorothy (Howell) Winbourne. They preceded her in death.

She married Walter Treesh on Feb. 26, 1983, in Knightdale, N.C., and he survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Jack C. Winbourne of Garrett; a half-brother, J.D. Ferrell of Essex, Calif.; a half-sister, Bobby Jean Brandon of Wilson; and three aunts and an uncle, Almarene and David Bullock of Wilson, Magaline Temple of Wilson and Francis Peele of Bailey, N.C.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Merle Holden officiating.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery at Waynedale.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Bertha Daley

HUDSON — Bertha Daley, 68, of Hudson died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Daley was a machine operator at Essex International for 10 years. She then worked in housekeeping at Miller's Merry Manor for 16 years, retiring in July 2001. She was a member of Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born April 28, 1936, in Hollybusch, Ky., to Garland and Louhettie Slone. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Garrett.

She married Rulon H. Daley on Aug. 29, 1955, in Garrett, Ky., and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry D. Daley of Auburn, Ralph "David" Daley of Garrett and Leland R. and Angie Daley of Hamilton; three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda K. and Randy Freeman of Auburn, Kathy S. and John Bolen of Hudson and Lisa and Scott Brown of Coldwater, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Birchel and Norma Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone of Auburn, Ted and Karen Slone of Auburn and Barney and Amy Slone of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nola and Hershel Moore of Garrett, Ky., and Nancy and Bob Vanderpool of Auburn; 17 grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren, with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda Daley, and a brother, Emery "Jim" Slone.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Evelyn Davis

PLYMOUTH — Evelyn J. Davis, 88, of Plymouth died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Bob Trier of Kendallville and Teressa and Tom Wellborn of Argos; a sister, Annabell Miller of Tyner; and a brother, Albertus Drake of Florida.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Calling will be Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

Caroljean Dillon

KENDALLVILLE — Caroljean M. Dillon, 70, of Kendallville died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Albert Trippel

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. — Albert W. Trippel, 93, of Parkersburg, W. Va., died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Wyngate Senior Living Community in Parkersburg.

Born in Mishawaka, Mr. Trippel worked for the State of Indiana as its assistant state entomologist.

He graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1928 and from Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in 1933 and a master's degree in 1935.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He is survived by a son, Philip J. of Parkersburg; two daughters, Mary Susan Simler of Fort Wayne and Ann Elizabeth Falkner of New Bremen, Ohio; a sister, Frances Williams of Houston; two brothers, Joseph of Mishawaka and Richard of Houston; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily B. (Blanford) Trippel; two sisters, Margaret Williams and Mary Gorman; and three brothers, Victor, Carl and Fred Trippel.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Masses.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Sunday, September 26, 2004

Velda Dunlap

LAGRANGE — Velda M. Dunlap, 89, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 7:29 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dunlap

Mrs. Dunlap moved to LaGrange County from Elkhart County in 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange. She also was a member of the church's Martha Circle.

She was born Feb. 9, 1915, in Elkhart County to Alonzo and Lola (Sparrow) Conrad. They preceded her in death.

On Aug. 10, 1934, in Goshen, she married John D. Dunlap. He died Oct. 14, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lola and Mervin Miller of LaGrange, Anne Chamness of LaGrange, and Jean and Thomas Carpenter of Leonidas, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Julia Dunlap of Wolcottville, and Lonnie D. and Sue Dunlap of Hamilton; a sister, Evelyn Kitson of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Sheldon Dunlap on June 23, 2000, and a sister, Treva Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Judith Hubler

LAGRANGE — Judith A. Hubler, 68, of LaGrange, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Hubler moved from Hammond to LaGrange County in 1978. She worked for NIPSCO in Hammond. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Middlebury.

She was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Hammond to Patrick Coughlin and Helen (Etienne) Ehrlich. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Dyer.

On Oct. 22, 1955, in Hammond, she married Henry N. Hubler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Emanuel Thompson of Highland and Mary Beth and Richard Harrington of Leander, Texas; two sisters, Diane Florey of Munster and Mary Jo Vera of Hammond; two brothers, John Coughlin of Dyer and Patrick Coughlin Jr. of Shawnee, Kan.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Gayle Marie Hubler on May 17, 1963.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the chapel at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary. The Rev. Lourdu Pasala will officiate. Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Calling will be 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the chapel at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Gary.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Memorials are to Knightstown Home Memorial Foundation Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, 10892 N. S.R. 140, Knightstown, IN 46148.

Sunday, September 26, 2004

Timothy Martin

WAWAKA — Timothy J. Martin, 48, of Wawaka died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Martin had lived in the Wawaka area for 21 years. He was a veterinarian and was employed by Frick Services of Wawaka. He was serving on the West Noble Board of Education and had served on the West Noble Aids Advisory Council.

Mr. Martin

He was a member of the West Noble Athletic Boosters, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, St. Patrick's Parish Council, Noble County Pork Producer's Association, the Indiana Veterinarian Medical Association and the American Veterinarian Medical Association.

He was a 1974 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Evansville and received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and doctor of veterinarian medicine from Purdue University.

He enjoyed baseball and attending West Noble school events. He was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame fan. He especially loved his family and was always available to support his children's endeavors. His faithful dog, Beau, was near and dear to his heart.

He was born March 19, 1956, in Evansville to Francis and Mary (Elpers) Martin. They survive in Poseyville.

On June 16, 1979, in Wawaka, he married Janell Frick. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Martin, at home; two daughters, Emily Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda

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Also surviving are a son, Daniel Martin, at home; two daughters, Emily Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Amanda

Martin of South Bend; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Rita Martin of Poseyville, Paul and Candace Martin of Evansville and James and Denise Martin of Owensboro, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Pigman and Ann and Tim Bitter, all of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Martin.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. The Rev. Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. A rosary service will be Monday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Tim Martin Academic Scholarship Fund or the West Noble Adult Athletic Booster Club.

Monday, September 27, 2004

Mossie Rowe

AUBURN — Mossie Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Pineville, Ky., to William H. and Nora (Golden) Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert G. and Gloria Rowe of Pleasant Lake and John and Shalmar Rowe of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mossie E. and Ed Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann and Roddy Warner of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Mason; two sisters, Pearl Heckathorn and Myrtle Stegleman; and one brother and sister who died as infants.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Charles Bowmar

GARRETT — Charles W. "Babe" Bowmar, 88, a former Garrett resident, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at 11:20 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mr. Bowmar lived in Garrett before moving to Auburn 3 1/2 years ago. He was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 41 years, retiring in 1981.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles in Garrett.

He was born June 23, 1916, in Garrett, the son of Charles E. and Emma A. (Hiigli) Bowmar.

On Oct. 6, 1951, in Garrett, he married Helen L. Leeson. She preceded him in death Jan. 26, 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Melinda Bowmar of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lawrence R. "Cotton" Bowmar of Auburn; and a sister, Doris Habig of Auburn.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald J. Bowmar, and a sister, Dorothy Musselman.

Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Katherine Crance

FORT WAYNE — Katherine B. Crance, 74, of Columbia City died unexpectedly at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Crance

She recently moved to Columbia City from Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crance was a press operator for 27 years at National Plastics Corp. in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 17, 1930, in DeKalb County to Arthur and Ruth (Hoover) Rowe.

She had spent most of her adult life in Fort Wayne. She was a 1948 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are six children and their spouses, Cynthia and Fred Ringler and Clifford and Jeanette Crance, all of Columbia City, Connie and Archie Zehr and Douglas D. Crance, all of Fort Wayne, Christopher and Jackie Crance of Grabill, and Harry Crance of Churubusco; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Merriam Meyer and Iris Faurote, both of Fort Wayne, Janet and Shirley Miller of Angola, Pat and Bud Barr of Kendallville, Donna Seigal of Wawaka, and Darlene and Jim Howard of Mt. Washington, Ky.; a brother, Jack Rowe of Louisville, Ky.; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Hammond; and two brothers, Jim Rose and Donald Hill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick VanHorn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries or St. Vincent dePaul Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Monday, September 27, 2004

Anne Mock

AUBURN — Anne Catherine Mock, 7 weeks old, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 2004, in Auburn to Kevin and Theresa Mock of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are her brothers and sisters, Kevin Jr. Richard, Theresa, Amelia, Joseph, Germaine, Bernadette, Jacinta, Mary, Lucia, Seraphina, Michael and Sophia, all at home; and her grandparents, Robert and Doris Mock of Fort Wayne and Mary Cuney of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School of Avilla or Bishop Dwenger High School.

Melvin Raber

TOPEKA — Melvin J. Raber, 92, of Topkea died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at the home of Joe Stutzman, where he was being cared for.

Mr. Raber had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born May 4, 1912, in LaGrange County to Joseph and Annie (Bontrager) Raber. On Feb. 13, 1941, he married Susie C. Miller. She died in 1993.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mahlon M. and Freida Raber of Middlebury and Levi M. and Irene Raber of Wolcottville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Annie and Glen Lambright and Amanda and Milo Helmuth, all of Topeka, and Lydiann and Joe Stutzman of LaGrange; a sister, Lydia Yoder of Topeka; 35 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Perry (Ada D.) Miller; four brothers, Noah, Levi, John and Jacob; and a sister, Susie.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Mike Helmuth residence at 6055 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, with Bishop Wayne Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery at Topeka.

Pallbearers will be Mervin P. Miller, Kenny Yoder, Wilbur Lehman, Junior Nisley, Richard Lambright and Jerry Fry.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Helmuth residence.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Ross

STURGIS, Mich. — Catherine Ross, 92, of Sturgis, died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital following a six-day illness.

Mrs. Ross was born Feb. 5, 1912, in Bronson, to John and Mary (Czajkowski) Herman, and was a lifelong Bronson resident.

She married Sylvester Ross on Oct. 25, 1932, in St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. He preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1983.

She had first worked at the former Bronson Reel Co., then at the former Douglas Manufacturing Co., and finally at the former L.A. Darling Co., retiring in 1959 after working for more than 20 years.

During the Korean conflict, she worked at the parachute factory in Union City, Mich., for five years.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church and its Rosary Society. She was a volunteer for several years in Bronson for Meals on Wheels and enjoyed baking and crocheting, especially afghans.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sally Kimbel and Delores and Arnold Sikorski, all of Bronson; Sylvia and Larry Johns of Coldwater, and Nancy and Colin Funk of Angola, Ind. ; a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Terry Ross of Bronson; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and five sisters.

Services will be 10 a.m. Indiana time on Wednesday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with prayers before services at 9:30 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson. Calling will be Tuesday at Kolcz Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m., where Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's.

Larry Kline

ANGOLA — Larry James Kline, 46, of Angola died suddenly on Friday, Sept. 26, 2004, shortly after his admittance to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Kline was born May 27, 1958, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Lamar E. and Victoria (Stark) Kline. He was a 1977 graduate of Edon High School in Edon, Ohio, and was a longtime self-employed carpet layer.

Surviving are his parents in Edon; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Butch Coburn of Edon; two daughters, Danielle Kline of Sanford, Fla. and Chelsea Laree Kline of Indianapolis; a son, Timothy Michael James Kline of Indianapolis; his maternal grandmother, Arietta Stark-Bell of Edgerton, Ohio; and his paternal grandmother, Ethel Kline-James of Edon.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Cynthia Ann Kline; his paternal grandfather, Ralph Kline; and his maternal grandfather, Marcellus Stark.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. Indiana time at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time and from 10 a.m. Indiana time until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Edon United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Condolences can be sent to Klinefamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Dean LeMay

HUDSON — Dean W. LeMay, 80, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at home.

Mrs. LeMay was born in Ringling, Okla., on Oct. 20, 1923, to J.H. and Myrtle (Beaver) Levin.

She married Henry W. LeMay in 1943, and he died in 1970.

She was retired from Jamar Castings in Longview, Texas, where she had worked for 15 years.

She lived in rural Hudson for the past eight years, and was a member of the Chocktaw Indian tribe in Harrah, Okla.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are her mother, Myrtle Levin of Harrah; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Lorraine LeMay of Hudson and Don LeMay of Longview, Texas; a daughter, Linda Urtso LeMay of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, Wayne Levin of Harrah; a sister, Maeola Berman of Harrah; grandchildren, Robbie and Ben Mauldin, Chris Wiesner, Jeremy Wiesner, Gabe Wiesner and Jacob and Jordan LeMay; stepgrandchildren, Alex and Trevor Delaney; and great-grandchildren Malen and Molly Mauldin and Skyler Wiesner.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Terrell, Texas.

Sandra Rose

AVILLA — Sandra Sue "Sandy" Rose, 51, of Avilla died at 5:46 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rose

Mrs. Rose had taught school for 10 years at St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla and for five years at Queen of Angels Catholic School in Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Avilla since 1977 and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Rose received her bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and her master's degree from Indiana University.

She was an avid shopper and reader, and enjoyed doing crafts.

Mrs. Rose was born Jan. 12, 1953, in Princeton to Thomas W. and Mildred (Hisker) Key. They are deceased.

On May 24, 1975, in Princeton, she married David M. Rose. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas L. and Sue Key of Fort Branch, Robert and Cindy Key of Evansville and Wayne and Mary Beth Hasselbrinck of Princeton.

Services will be at noon Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Princeton with Father Bernie Etienne officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Princeton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with rosary service at 7:30 p.m. and from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Margaret Bledsoe

ANGOLA — Margaret Ann "Peg" Bledsoe, 74, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Bledsoe was born Oct. 1, 1929, in Bluffton, to Howard and Thelma (Hatfield) Fletter. She was married to Roy E. Bledsoe on Jan. 29, 1950, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 27, 2003.

Mrs. Bledsoe

She was the clerk-treasurer for the city of Angola for 16 years, retiring on Dec. 31, 1995. She had also been a business teacher at Hamilton High School.

She was a 50-year member of Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She belonged to Psi Iota Xi, Rho Chapter, and the Angola American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Anne M. and Donald W. Bledsoe, all of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean Marie and James Logan of Pullman, Wash., and Julie Ann and Van Carter of Lakeside Park, Ky.; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Joseph Bledsoe; and a sister, Patricia McBride.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Donald Draper

ANGOLA — Donald R. Draper, 85, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Draper was born July 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to William and Gena Draper. He was married to Wilma P. Hantz on Oct. 26, 1985, in Howe. She survives.

He was a supervisor for the Indiana Toll Road, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II Army veteran.

His hobbies included mowing lawns, sports, NASCAR and being an Indiana University fan.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Waters Hantz of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia (Waters) and Santford Jolley of Coldwater, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tom and Doris Waters of Indianapolis, Ed and Ann Waters of Fort Wayne and Dick and Pat Waters of Hamilton; three sisters, Josephene Schrock, Francis Lung and Grace Jenkot, all of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Kimberly Jolley Rubley officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the South Scott Cemetery Association.

Layel Haller

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Layel Richard Haller, 67, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Harborside Healthcare in Defiance.

Mr. Haller traveled throughout the country as an owner/operator of Layel Haller Trucking. He also won many awards and honors for his customized truck.

He was a member of the Bryan Eagles and Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville. He was a 1954 grandate of Farmer High School.

Mr. Haller was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Milford Township near Hicksville to Richard and LaVera (Osmun) Haller. His mother survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Carolyn Haller of Ney and Craig and Barb Haller of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Amy and Curt Custer of Garrett, Ind., and Lori and Dan Guerrero of Wabash, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Nick Brown of Lafayette, Ind., and Barbara Haller of Hicksville; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. (Indiana time) at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, 225 E. High St., in Bryan.

There will be no calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family by e-mail from the condolence page at burrfh.com.

This obituary is being republished with additional information.

Mossie Rowe

AUBURN — Mossie Rowe, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker and attended Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn.

She was born June 18, 1921, in Pineville, Ky., to William H. and Nora (Golden) Mason.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Albert G. and Gloria Rowe of Pleasant Lake and John and Shalmar Rowe of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mossie E. and Ed Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Ann and Roddy Werner of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Floyd Mason; two sisters, Pearl Heckathorn and Myrtle Stegleman; and one brother and sister who died as infants.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Dick Hankie of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Anne Mock

AUBURN — Anne Catherine Mock, 7 weeks old, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 6, 2004, in Auburn.

Family members are her parents, Kevin and Theresa Mock of Auburn; her brothers and sisters, Kevin Jr., Richard, Theresa, Amelia, Joseph, Germaine, Bernadette, Jacinta, Mary, Lucia, Seraphina, Michael and Sophia, at home; and her grandparents, Robert and Doris Mock and Mary Cuney, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 1:30 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School of Avilla or Bishop Dwenger High School.

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Velda Dunlap

LAGRANGE — Velda M. Dunlap, 89, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at 7:29 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Dunlap

Mrs. Dunlap moved to LaGrange County from Elkhart County in 1948. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of LaGrange. She also was a member of the church's Martha Circle.

She was born Feb. 9, 1915, in Elkhart County to Alonzo and Lola (Sparrow) Conrad. They preceded her in death.

On Aug. 10, 1934, in Goshen, she married John D. Dunlap. He died Oct. 14, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lola and Mervin Miller of LaGrange, Anne Chamness of LaGrange, and Jean and Thomas Carpenter of Leonidas, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Julia Dunlap of Wolcottville, and Lonnie D. and Sue Dunlap of Hamilton; a sister, Evelyn Kitson of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Sheldon Dunlap on June 23, 2000, three sisters, Treva Miller, Elenore Conrad and Nita Alfrey; and five brothers, Mirl, Lethan, Fredus, Trevlyn and Theodore Conrad.

Services were held today at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Dexter Garman officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

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Dean LeMay

HUDSON — Dean W. LeMay, 80, of Hudson died Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. LeMay was born in Ringling, Okla., on Oct. 20, 1923, to J.H. and Myrtle (Beaver) Levin. She married Henry M. LeMay in 1943, and he died in 1970.

She was retired from Jamar Castings in Longview, Texas, where she had worked for 15 years. She lived in rural Hudson for the past eight years, and was a member of the Chocktaw Indian tribe in Harrah, Okla. She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Surviving are her mother, Myrtle Lovin of Harrah; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Doug and Lorraine LeMay of Hudson and Don LeMay of Longview; a daughter, Linda Urtso LeMay of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, Wayne Lovin of Harrah; a sister, Maeola Berman of Harrah; grandchildren, Robbie and Ben Mauldin, Chris Wiesner, Jeremy Wiesner, Gabe Wiesner and Jacob and Jordan LeMay; stepgrandchildren, Alex and Trevor Delaney; and great-grandchildren Malen and Molly Mauldin and Skyler Wiesner.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Mike Booher officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Terrell, Texas.

Florence Frey

MIDDLEBURY — Florence Thelma (Yoder) Frey, 90, of Middlebury died at 6:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Frey

Mrs. Frey was a homemaker and had worked as a nurses aide at Goshen General Hospital.

She was a longtime member of Forks Mennonite Church where she had taught Sunday school and Bible school and had served as a custodian for several years. She was active in singing groups, women's sewing circles and Bible study groups at the church.

Mrs. Frey was a 1932 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

She was born Dec. 17, 1913, in Middlebury to Ora E. and Orpha (Reed) Yoder. On Aug. 23, 1936, in Middlebury at their new home she married Rollin Frey. He died June 19, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Bontrager of Middlebury and Thelma and Galen Peters of Howe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Clifford Frey of LaGrange and Richard and Marilyn (Hall) Frey of Middlebury; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fern and Lester Ebersole of Sun City, Ariz., and Mabel and Russell Shriner of Wakarusa; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Frey; a daughter-in-law, Wanda Frey; and three sisters, Ruth Miller, Margaret Ramer and Ethel Yoder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Forks Mennonite Church with her sons-in-law, the Rev. Eugene Bontrager and Galen Peters, officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press or Gideon's International.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of arrangements.

Caroljean Dillon

KENDALLVILLE -- Caroljean M. Dillon, 70, of Kendallville died at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient one week.

She had resided at Kendallville Manor. Mrs. Dillon had been a homemaker. She was born Dec. 9, 1933, in Rome, Ohio, to Harry and Mable (Pewter) Shaw. In 1955 in Fostoria, Ohio, she married Duane Dillon. He died April 29, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Scott Ogg of Kendallville and Holly and Larry Goble of Garrett; a son, Roger Dillon of Kendallville; eight brothers and sisters; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Machan

STURGIS, Mich. — Dale M. Machan, 85, of Sturgis died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo following a three-day illness.

Mr. Machan had moved to Sturgis in 1958 from LaGrange, Ind. He had also lived in Florida for 10 years. He retired in 1980 from Formed Tubes after 39 years of service. Mr. Machan was a 1937 graduate of LaGrange High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II. He was a life member of the Wing Dingers radio controlled aircraft flying club. He was born Jan. 11, 1919, in LaGrange County to Arthur and Mabel (Lovell) Machan. On Feb. 5, 1938, he married Shirley Johnson. She died March 11, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret and Phil Long and Marge and Robert Wright, all of Sturgis; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kelly Machan of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Charles and Ralph Machan; and two sisters, Myrtle Heimert and Irene Ryan.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Indiana time Friday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alta Bender

ALBION — Alta Lucinda Bender, 90, of Albion died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Bender

She was born March 2, 1914, in Albion to Joseph and Emma (Eagleson) McMichael. She married Donald R. Bender on Oct. 14, 1948, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 2003. Mrs. Bender was retired from Lyall Electric in Cromwell. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge No. 2455 of Albion, American Legion Auxiliary No. 246 of Albion, and she enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Surviving are a son, Clarence "Jr." Bender of Albion; a sister, Lena Mounsey of Richland, Mich.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Ellen Bender; a son, William Bender; six brothers, Raymond, Otis, Ivan, Chauncey, Frankie and Francis; and a grandchild.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Ada Beggs

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ada Belle Beggs, 84, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Beggs was born Dec. 21, 1919, in Angola, to Floyd and Irma Crone. She graduated from Scott Center School and received her registered nursing degree from Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago.

She served as a nurse in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are three children and their spouses, James Sibert of Westerville, Ohio, Helen and Dan Norton of Santa Ana, Calif., and Thomas and Dana Sibert of Columbus; five grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Beth Sibert, Pamela and Barry Hooker, Lisa Sibert, Neil Sibert, and Alix Norton; four great-grandchildren, Hayley, Hannah, and Samuel Sibert and Kobe Hooker; four siblings and their spouses Don Crone, Clela O'Malley, Ina Brockreide and Grace and Gene White; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, George H. Sibert and William H. Beggs; and a brother, John Crone.

Memorial services will be at 9 a.m. Indiana time Friday at Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Memorials are to Mount Carmel Hospice, 793 W. State St., Columbus, OH 43222-9988.

Richard Putnam

LAKE GEORGE — Richard H. "Dick" Putnam, 76, of the Michigan side of Lake George died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Putnam

Mr. Putnam was born April 7, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to Edward C. and Aggie Putnam. He was married to Delores D. Jordan Putnam on Nov. 29, 1952. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a tool room and maintenance manager for General Electric for 34 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Knights of Columbus, the Lake George Cottage Association and GE Retirees Club. He was an avid golfer, and his favorite pastime was playing the guitar.

Surviving are his wife, Dee (Jordan) Putnam of Lake George; three sons, Robert E. Putnam of Cherry Valley, Ill., Brett J. Putnam of Plainfield, Ill. and Bart J. Putnam of Coleman, Mich.; a sister, Mary Christle of Kissimmee, Fla.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, William R. Putnam; a daughter, Brenda Jayne Putnam; three brothers, Robert Putnam (his twin), Gerald Putnam and Raymond Putnam; and a sister, Loretta Kelty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and also an hour prior to services on Saturday. There will be a prayer service at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Mass Services or the Cancer Society.

Doris Baker

HAMILTON — Doris Ruth Baker, 83, of Hamilton died early Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Baker worked as an LPN at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Carlin Park Nursing Home in Angola and Meadow Haven Nursing Home in Butler. She was a member of St. Peter's Church in Edon, Ohio, and a former member of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs of Hamilton.

She was born Nov. 17, 1920, to Dale Richard and Kattie Cecilia (Prowant) Bible.

She married Ralph Irvin Baker on April 25, 1943, in Cairo, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronnie Baker of Edon, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Forest (Marilyn) Bodiker of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Jack (Mary Katherine) Bennett of Elida, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Case.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton. The Rev. Donald Leckrone will officiate. Interment will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Carolyn Irish

BUTLER — Carolyn S. Irish, 59, of Butler died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at 3:30 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Irish was a homemaker. She was born Sept. 13, 1945, in Harriman, Tenn., to Carl and Lucy (Presley) Pencin.

She married Jimmey J. Irish on Aug. 30, 1986, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg W. Bell of Marion and Pat. A. and Jennifer Bell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and Gary Gower and Tammy and Randy Sonner, all of Butler; a sister, Norma Rhodes of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Butler Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Garnet Haire

FORT WAYNE — Garnet L. Haire, 89, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A native of Harlan, Mrs. Haire was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and flowers.

Surviving are two sons, Richard E. Haire Sr. of Wolcottville and Gary L. Haire of North Port, Fla.; a daughter, Linda S. Allen of Huntertown; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene C. Haire; five brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m, Friday at the funeral home.

Clifford Becker

ANGOLA — Clifford John "Cliff" Becker, 57, of Angola and formerly of Long Beach, Calif., died Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Becker was born April 29, 1947, in Berea, Ohio, to John C. and Evelyn F. "Evy" Becker.

Surviving are his father, John C. "Jack" Becker of Angola; a brother, Kenneth Becker of Matril, Kan.; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Randy Tanner of Angola; a nephew, Brandon Tanner of Angola; two nieces, Shannon Cosby and Kim Myers, both of Angola; two great-nephews and two great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

No services or calling will be held. Arrangements are being handled by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society of Fort Wayne.

Debra Sprau
Skyler Sprau
Destiny Sprau

FORT WAYNE — Debra Lynne Teeple Sprau, 23, of Fort Wayne; her son, Skyler Zane Sprau, 3, and her daughter, Destiny Ryan Sprau, 9 months, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004, in a house fire in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sprau will be remembered as a loving wife, daughter, sister and granddaughter and as a wonderful mother. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Sprau was a native of Kendallville.

Surviving Mrs. Sprau are her husband, Randy D. Sprau of Fort Wayne; her parents, Jeffrey Sr. and Connie A. Teeple of LaOtto; her twin brother, Jeffey L. Teeple Jr. of Kendallville; her sister, Nicole R. Teeple of LaOtto; and her grandmother, Vermadean Landez of Kendallville.

The children are survived by their father, Randy D. Sprau of Fort Wayne; their grandparents, Jeffrey Sr. and Connie A. Teeple of LaOtto and Rick Keith and Mary Jane Sprau of Las Cruzes, N.M.; and great-grandparents, Vermadean Landez of Kendallville and Angel and Carol Rojas of Coldwater, Mich.

Memorial services for Debbie, Skyler and Destiny will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Chapel, 5874 C.R. 427S.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the chapel. Memorials are to Tower Automotive, care of Dan Endsley, president of UAW Chapter 2345.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Thurlo Gaff

LAOTTO — Thurlo S. "Frog" Gaff, 87, of LaOtto died at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Gaff had spent most of his life in the LaOtto area and worked in welding and painting for LaOtto Fabricating for 23 years. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Gaff was born Nov. 4, 1916, in Churubusco to Thomas and Maude (Bennett) Gaff. On Sept. 25, 1938, in Fort Wayne, he married Betty Myers. She died May 15, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Herb Rennecker of Defiance, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Sandy Gaff of LaOtto; three sisters, Mary Gray and Shirley Stamp, both of Churubusco, and Barbara Lietch of Iowa; four brothers, Roger Gaff of Nappanee, John Gaff of Columbia City, Ray Gaff of Muncie and Jake Gaff of Huntertown; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl Gaff; and three sisters, Ilene Gordon, Neva Fulk and Willodean Kirkpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery in Huntertown. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Darline Bartlett

ANGOLA — Darline Bartlett, 58, of Angola, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Evanston Northwest Healthcare Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Bartlett was born Nov. 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Lawrence Edward White and Ellen May (Petre) Brigle. She was married to Ronald Bartlett on Dec. 26, 1965, and he survives. She was a librarian's aide at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola, retiring in May, 2003. She was a member of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church and Moms on the Move.

Also surviving are her mother, Ellen May Brigle of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters, Tina Bartlett and Melody Wegesin, both of Angola; and four grandchildren, R.B. Wegesin, Haven Nicole Wegesin, Maxavier Edward Wegesin and Paisley Elise Wegesin, all of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Edward White.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Wilder Brudney

STROH — Wilder G. "Brud" Brudney, 77, of Stroh died Tuesday at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Brudney

Arrangements are pending at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Estella Brueck

VENICE, Fla. — Estella L. Brueck, 91, of Venice died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004.

She was a native of Fort Wayne, moving to Florida in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Rollie Vaughn of Venice and Sue and Donald Schlemmer of Spencerville; one brother, Donald Linker of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Martin, preceded her in death in 1984.

Services will be Saturday at 5 p.m. in the Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Community of Hope Lutheran Church, 5560 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233. E. Harper & Son Funeral Home of New Haven is handling arrangements.

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